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The Demi-Monde of Paris—Social Morality in England—Disorder in London—Peace Prospects—Matthew Arnold in English Characters.

LONDON, Saturday, March 24.

In Paris the leaders of the Jockey Club give an annual ball to the ladies of the *demi-monde*, and the English papers say, "oh, fie, shocking," and so on, as people who lie in such virtuous sheets ought to do. A great many worse things are done every week in London, but they keep quiet about it—they don't, as a rule put it in the papers. Now and then, however, a bit of scandal leaks out, in the Divorce Court or somewhere, going to show that we are no better than our neighbors, and when only the sinless throw stones, there will still be a few left for the pavements. The last bit of this sort of scandal has cropped out in Tipperary, where it is reported that a noble Lord in London, having given an elegant supper and ball to a few of the fast and pretty young ladies who do the Venuses, Appollos, and other gods and goddesses, in classic costume of the least possible quantity, on the London stage, was supported at the table by the gallant, eloquent and handsome leader of young Ireland. Of course, I know nothing about the matter—I was not there; but if true, what of it? I am certain I have been in worse places and with worse people. And why is it worse to eat and dance with these charming ladies, than to crowd boxes and stalls to see them, and far more of them, than at the supper and ball at the St. James? A great thing to make a fuss about, truly!

Mr. BUCKLE tried to prove that there was in every class in society a certain and pretty invariable per centage of "vice, crime and misery," but rascality is disproportionately in certain professions. A man calling himself Baron DE CARMIN, has been for several years lecturing in England on the horrors of Popery, which is, with some people, a peculiarly attractive subject. They are fond of contemplating the mysteries of convents, and gloat over the secrets of the confessional. It is natural, no doubt, to look upon what is concealed from us as wrong, and safe to consider everybody wicked whom we do not know to be good. The Baron DE CARMIN, has denounced all their secret iniquities with great power, and managed to get up a series of small riots, wherever there were Irishmen to resent his abuse of them and their families. A day or two ago, a woman went before a magistrate and claimed his protection, as being the wife of this champion of no-popery, who had deserted her and his three children, and was living with another woman at the West End. She was referred to the overseers of the parish; but the Baron came in next day, very indignant at the exposure, and said he had deserted the lady, after the example of the great reformer, HENRY VIII., because he had serious doubts of the legality of his marriage. He did not cut her head off, but only threw her on the parish, which was the next best thing under the circumstances.

You have heard of London as an orderly and well policed city. At times it is orderly enough, except in such habitual eccentricities as beggary, thieving, drunkenness, running over people in the streets, by which several hundreds are annually killed, crowding at the doors of the theatres, rows in the Haymarket, &c. But there are not wanting indications that there might at any time break out a mob of two or three hundred thousand people who could defy police and military, and be far more terrible than in the no-popery riots of 1780, when thirty-six fires were seen blazing at once, and robbery was going on all over London, until the gorged and overburdened rascals refused to take anything but gold or bank notes. Silver was too troublesome to carry. Here is an incident that happened a few days ago, which shows what is, and what might be:

On Friday evening a fire broke out in some premises in Kennington-lane, Lambeth, and the first glimpse of the disaster was a signal to all the inhabitants of the surrounding dens of scoundrelism that a good field for their industry was now opened. The scene, as described by eye-witnesses, was of the most fearful kind. For two or three hours robbery and violence reigned unchecked in the very face of the police, who, reduced to inaction by the density of the crowds assembled, could render little or no assistance to the sufferers. Scarcely one respectably dressed person present was permitted to remain unmolested. Hats were indiscriminately smashed over the brows of their wearers, coats torn off their backs, and watches and purses violently wrested from their owners. In many cases no attempt at secrecy was made; men were knocked on the head and plundered with all the coolness and deliberation with which we commonly pursue our lawful callings.

This was in one of the central and most populous districts of the metropolis, represented in part by Mr. THOMAS HUGHES in Parliament, who will contend, no doubt, that if these amiable gentlemen only had the right of suffrage they would be engaged in selling their votes instead of picking their neighbors' pockets.

The prospects of peace or war on the Continent are as uncertain as ever. People who believe what they wish, think there must be some way of patching up a peace, or they think Austria cannot, or that Prussia will not be so mad as to provoke hostilities. My opinion is, that Austria is in a better condition for war than is generally imagined. Hungary is so far reconciled that a war would complete the work. Austria can command three men to Prussia's one. Austria has far the best military position. Two-thirds of Germany, and the best military States would side with Austria. It is not clear that Italy would be in a condition to engage in the contest. Austria has made the most extensive preparations, and has already moved forward an army of 100,000 men into a strong position. It is useless to predict anything, but all this looks like earnest work, and I believe that if there is any backing down it will be on the part of Prussia. England is tied to neutrality. The feeling is with Austria—family ties with Prussia. The Prince of WALES and his party naturally go for the Power disposed to be most liberal to Denmark. The Emperor NAPOLEON may keep the peace, unless he thinks French interests best served by war. I will not guarantee all this to be correct, but it is the best estimate I can form of the situation; at the same time I am free to confess, and you can make for it due allowance, that with no ill-will to the Prussians, I like the Austrians best, and the present Emperor seems to me one of the best intentioned and most enlightened of European sovereigns.

You have read, perhaps, MATTHEW ARNOLD's article in the *Cornhill* on "My Countrymen." It is aggravating that there are Englishmen who will write such articles, and put on record the confession that England, which in 1815 was the first Power in the world, is now the third, if that, France being according to Mr. ARNOLD, the first Power, and America the second. Talk about national humiliation for the cattle-plague after that! But is England, in political influence and military power, even the third nation in the world? Must not Russia, and perhaps Austria, be placed in advance of her in these particulars? Leaving the just now doubtful question of naval efficiency out of the case, precedence must certainly be given to the Great Powers of the Continent. The influence of England is at zero, and there are those who expect to see her gradually decline and become a few years hence what Holland is to-day. For Holland, in wealth, power, commerce and possessions, has been among the foremost nations of the world. If there is to be a contest for supremacy between the two most powerful nations in the world, it would have to be between France and America—if the contest is confined to this hemisphere, it will be between France and Russia, and such a contest, a few years hence, is not improbable.

The *Times* at last "owns up" on the Jamaica business; not that there was not an insurrection to quell, and danger to the white population, but that the ferocity and cruelty of British officers, soldiers and sailors went beyond all bounds, and that they behaved like a pack of barbarians. They must be tried and punished. It says:

"It is certain that Mr. RAMSAY, the Provost-Marshal, stands charged by a multitude of witnesses, black and white, with excesses for which a parallel must be sought among the infamous eccentricities of Oriental despots."

RAMSAY was a Manchester man, who enlisted in the army and was in the Balaklava charge in the Crimea. I believe he served also in India, and then went to Jamaica, where he seems to have caught some infection from the customs of Dahomey. There were two outbreaks of the savage antipathy of races. First, the blacks against the whites, which excited the other of the whites against the blacks. You have seen examples of both in America. They seem instinctive, and instincts when enraged become furious. White and black can live together peacefully—under certain conditions—can, and do; but there are also conditions which favor volcanic eruptions of some deep and inscrutable principle of antipathy or hate. The serious question now is, what shall be done with Jamaica? And the prevailing opinion is that either with a strong government the sugar plantations be reëstablished, with regular and reliable industry, and import of laborers, if necessary, or that the beautiful island be given up to the negroes, to become as savage as were their ancesters in Africa.

A week ago to-day an attempt was made to launch into the Thames an iron-clad of large dimensions, and having all her plates fitted, the *Northumberland*. There was a great crowd, but when the ship got half into the water she stuck fast, and there she is. A week hence, when the tides are highest, they hope to float her.

Cold weather and East winds for the last fortnight have told upon the bills of mortality. The aged, especially, have sunk under their ungenial influences. Lord BROUGHAM, by spending the Winters on the sunny shores of the Mediterranean. On one day lately there were 42 deaths in the *Times*; four averaged 90½ years; 21, half of the whole number, averaged 76 years and 9 months.

In a debate on Fenianism, on Thursday night, it was stated that the Irish police force, seventy-three of which is Roman Catholic, had behaved in the most satisfactory manner, without a symptom of disaffection, and their pay had just been increased by the Government. This is probably one of the finest bodies of police in the world—picked men, six feet high, strong, active, intelligent, armed and drilled, and scattered in small or large bodies as required over the whole island. It is of itself an army competent to cope with any ordinary outbreak. The only hope for the Fenians in Ireland is that something may be done to involve England in war with America. Many believe that this must come sooner or later, but my faith in the peaceful intentions of the present Government is unshaken. So long as JOHN BRIGHT holds the balance of power, and dictates the policy of the ministry, England will never go to war with the United States—as Earl CHATHAM said: "NEVER, never, never!"

MONADNOCK.

OUR PARIS CORRESPONDENCE.

The Amusement of the "Thirty-Six"—Policy of the Emperor—An Insult from the Latin Quarter.

PARIS, Tuesday, March 20, 1866.

The famous amendment of the "thirty-six," which finished by becoming the amendment of the "forty-six," has gone the way of every other project which attempts to put an obstacle in the way of the Government. It has been voted down by a vote of 206 to 63. The amendment in question demanded more liberty of speech, liberty of the press and liberty of public meetings. It was drawn up and signed by thirty-six members, friends of the Empire, who pretend that their action was dictated by the conviction that the time had arrived for according more liberty, and that it was dangerous not to accord it. Ten other members afterward signed the amendment, making in all forty-six, and these are now dignified with the old parliamentary title of *tiers-parti*. Whether they will stand by their title or not time only will show. They acted in he present emergency independently of the Republican party, but on the final vote 17 Republicans voted with them in favor of the amendment.

Twelve years ago the Opposition started with five votes in the Chamber. It has now sixty-three. Moreover, at the country elections the Government majorities, where not entirely overcome, are everywhere diminished. So, too, with the exception of a few remnants of the "old guard"—that is to say, of the actors in the *coup d'état*—great advances have been made toward Liberalism in the great body of the Emperor's supporters.

What will the Emperor do? He has had the amendment of the "forty-six" defeated, and thus has gained time to reflect and to act, if he wishes, without compulsion. He is a man so well balanced, and so confident in his ability to seize the right side of every question as it passes before him, that with the powerful majority he still maintains in the Chamber, he will be able to do exactly what he thinks best for the perpetuation of himself and his dynasty. It is probable, therefore, that he will continue his previous policy of procrastination and gradual development, until almost insensibly he will have arrived at the degree of liberty now demanded by the Opposition. Between now and the next general election, three years hence, we may, therefore, look for a considerable relaxation in the present rigid *régime* against the liberty of the Press and of speech.

As a sign of the times, it is worthy of remark that the Emperor has invited to a dinner party all the signers of the famous amendment, that the framer thereof, and the one appointed by the rest as its principal defender, M. BOUFFET, was honored with the seat at the right hand of the Empress, and that their Majesties were particularly bland and complaisant to the whole party. But this was before the vote, which only took place yesterday.

The Latin quarter has at last found an occasion for manifesting to the Emperor in person its hostility to his plan for mutilating the magnificent garden of the Luxembourg. This garden, the finest in Paris, and the delight of the quarter of the schools, was too large in the eyes of those who did not live near it, and the unfortunate idea one day seized the heads of the Government people to cut off one half of it and to sell it out for the benefit of the State Treasury. So the Government gave notice, a few months ago, that, in order to give a better circulation for carriages, and at the same time to add a few millions to the Treasury, all the upper part of the garden, including the famous nursery and the schools for horticulture, arboriculture and apiculture, were to be alienated, cut into lots and roadways, and sold out. Immense opposition was at once manifested by the indignant and outraged inhabitants of the learned quarter, petitions were numerously signed and addressed to the Senate, which sits in the Palace of the Luxembourg, and to the Emperor, remonstrating in vigorous terms against the proposed mutilation; and finally the Emperor made a voyage to the disputed ground, and, in company with the City Engineer, walked over and examined it. Soon after His Majesty published a letter, addressed to the Minister of the Interior, recommending a change in the plan of mutilation, which it was supposed would be more acceptable. But the public, after examining the Emperor's plan, find it (and justly, too,) no better than the first one, and oppose it with equal firmness. Two nights ago the Emperor and Empress, the Court, and all that is distinguished in the world of politics, literature and fashion, were to go to the first representation of a new piece by M. EMILE AUGIER, at the Odeon Theatre, situated alongside the Luxembourg, and this was the occasion for the manifestation in question. All the afternoon the crowd commenced to gather till at 8 o'clock, at the moment of the arrival of the court carriages, the whole quarter was one compact mass of human beings. An immense police force was out in prevision of an outbreak of some kind, but the crowd was well-behaved, and was only waiting to launch the words "*Vive l'Empereur!* Save the Luxembourg!" So general and hearty was the demonstration that the Emperor will hardly disobey the public clamor, and we look confidently to see the classic garden, with its magnificent alleys and vistas, its historical statues, its nursery and its poet's corner, respected.

The cholera, which still lingers in one or the departments of France, near the sea, is nevertheless dying out everywhere else, and it appears not to be true that the disease has reappeared in Egypt. The Sanitary Congress at Constantinople adjourned after recommending to the Sultan's Government—they were not empowered to do anything more than recommend—to stop the pilgrimage to Mecca by sea, thus forcing the pilgrims to make the voyage all the way by land, and consequently increasing the obstacles to such a degree as to very much diminish the number of pilgrims. But the Turkish Government is said to be hostile to any interference with a custom so sacred and so dear to every true believer in the Prophet, and it is thought that the object of the Convention will thus be defeated.

At Paris we have no fear now of a return of the cholera, for if by hazard it should return, the city is in such a perfect state of hygienic management as to defy the disease. We place little dependence here on quarantine, but immense dependence, on the contrary, on cleanliness and on sanitary measures on a grand scale vigorously enforced. MALAKOFF.

FROM OUR EUROPEAN FILES.

The Prince Imperial of France—Anniversary of his Birthday—How the Prince Employs his Time.

From the Paris Constitutionnel, March 16.

It is now ten years since the heir to the throne of the Napoleons—that dynasty of glory, as CHATEAUBRIAND called them—came into the world, at the end of a glorious war, and on the eve of signing the Treaty of Paris; that is to say, between victory and peace. It was a good augury, and the patriotic joy of the whole country may be remembered at the birth of the august infant, who seemed to be the symbol, or rather the pledge of the happy destinies of the nation. We had not only just conquered a great Power—we had not only added an admirable page to our military annals—we had in addition taken from our enemies a powerful coalition, and rallied to our policy, on a question of general interest and in favor of a just cause, that Europe which had formerly combined against us. The second Empire had just been consolidated in its true grandeur and with its proper character. Nothing was wanting to the present and popular enthusiasm saluted, in the son of the Emperor, the hope of the future. Those reminiscences which each anniversary revives are more particularly recalled by this, the tenth. As the young Prince grows under the eyes of his august parents, and so near their hearts, under the sweetest influences and the wisest direction, an interest, more and more lively, is attached to his person; as his natural qualities are developed and his mind strengthens, the popular sympathy shows itself in a more decided manner, and, if we may say so, more exacting. It likes to gather the words which indicate that the Prince possesses a remarkable intelligence; it likes to hear of the touching acts indicating his kindness of heart which has already a commencement in history. Certainly we do not wish to flatter him, and we know that he is not flattered. The Empress Regent, the Princes governing France, and the noble Sovereign seated by his side on the throne, know in what school and in what principles ought to be reared the heir of a national dynasty. Thus it is not with illusions and flatteries that the young Prince is fed; he is trained in the paths of duty, of application and of self-denial; to love justice and the people; and, happily, not only is he so taught, but he has the inestimable advantage of daily witnessing those lessons in practice.

From the Paris Patrie March 18.

The hours of the Prince are fully occupied, and his studies well combined in a hygienic point of view with exercises of the body. Under the direction of M. MONNIER, his tutor, the young Prince shows great aptitude for classical studies, history and geography. He speaks English fluently, having learnt it while still young from an English attendant who has always been with him. Although at present His Highness has just commenced the regular study of drawing and music, he shows a decided taste for both. The Prince having received a few indications from M. CAPRAUX, the sculptor, amuses himself with modeling simple subjects which show considerable taste. Among them are three especially which have surprised those who have seen them; the first is a statuette of a lancer on horseback, and the other the busts of the Emperor and of M. MONNIER. The young Prince has rapidly made himself familiar with all kinds of gymnastic exercises under the instruction of M. FOUCART; and his Equerry, M. BACHON, has some difficulty in restraining his ardour for equitation. His Highness takes his lessons at the Alma stables, where his horses are kept. But he prefers above everything military manœuvres and the management of arms, so that his greatest happiness is when once a week a Sergeant of the First Regiment of the Grenadiers of the Guard, in which, as all the world knows, he himself is a corporal, conducts into the reserved garden of the Tuileries a company of children of that corps for drill. The Prince places himself at the right of the line, and the effective of the troop being often augmented by the presence in the ranks of some young friends of his Highness, among whom may be mentioned the sons of Dr. CONNEAU, the Duke de PERSIGNY, Gens. FLEURY and ESPINASSE, and of M. de BOURGOING, the Emperor's equerry. For several years the Prince has been present, by the Emperor's side, at the principal military reviews. During the *fêtes* of the past Winter His Highness appeared several times for a few hours in the saloons, when his grace and perfect ease were much remarked. We may add that since the return of the Court from Compiègne, in December last, the Prince dines with their Majesties. His religious instruction is confided to the Abbe DEGUERRY, curé of the Madeleine, who is soon to prepare him for his first communion. We have thus sketched hastily the occupation of this child, who is growing up under the enlightened and vigilant tutelage of the Emperor, in contact with the various classes of the nation. Immediately after his birth a most touching institution was created, that of the Prince Imperial's Orphanage, which secures to the young pupils a thorough training and all necessary care. At a later period, an institution not less generous in its conception was founded, that of the Society of the Prince Imperial for lending money to workmen, which has come efficaciously in aid of the laboring classes. Thus, from his tenderest years, the Prince has had his name connected with benevolent institutions.

Death of a Distinguished French Officer—A Life of Remarkable Adventure.

Paris (March 19) Correspondence of the London Times.

Gen. JUSUF, who commanded for the last eight or ten months the military division of Montpellier, died at Cannes on Friday morning. There are few names in the French Army more remarkable. It is not clearly known who his parents were, nor the precise place he was born in. I believe he knew as little on these points as the rest of the world. Neither is the date of his birth better known, though it is proved he was soon after the beginning of the century. His own recollections, I have heard, were vague, and the first thing he well remembered was his living in the Island of Elba in 1810, and his having frequently seen NAPOLEON in 1814. He left Elba for Florence for his education about the same period, but by whose care is not related. His adventures began in his boyhood. The novel in which the young stranger was attacked and captured by a Tunis rover, and in the distribution of the spoil he fell to the Bey. The Bey took an extraordinary liking to him from the very outset, lodged him in his own palace, and, struck by the natural grace of manner and the quick intelligence of the youth, bestowed as much care on his education as was possible under the circumstances. He provided him with masters, under whom he rapidly became a proficient in the Turkish, Arabic and Spanish languages. The Bey had an only daughter, about the same age as the young captive. An attachment sprung up between them. An intrigue was the result. It was discovered by a vigilant eunuch, who informed his master. The criminals was found fault with at first, and years took to flight. He was pursued by a party of soldiers, four of whom were killed in their attempt to seize him. With much difficulty he succeeded in gaining a French ship, the *Adonis*, when he was safe from further pursuit. He arrived at Toulon and enrolled himself as a volunteer in the expedition to Algeria in December, 1830, under the name of JUSUF DE MARMORA. His energy, gallantry, pleasing manners and intelligence soon attracted the attention of his superior, and in less than a year he was promoted to the rank of Captain in the First Regt. of Chasseurs of Africa. His knowledge of languages, which he owed to the bounty of the Bey, was of great service to him. He was employed in 1831 as interpreter in several most perilous missions. His daring character was signally conspicuous in the capture of the citadel of Bona, and his conduct on that occasion obtained for him his first decoration of the Legion of Honor in 1832. In his dispatch to the Minister of War, SAVARY, Duke of Rovigo, who then commanded the army of Africa, thus spoke of JUSUF: "I know not to what degree of bravery to turn to find a parallel for his daring gallantry in the taking of the Casbah of Bona;" and Marshal SOULT declared in the Chamber of Peers that it was the finest feat of arms that the present century had witnessed. His promotion continued to be rapid. He was named *chef d'escadron* of the Spahis of Oran in 1833, and two years later officer of the Legion of Honor. In 1836 he played a brilliant part in the campaign of Tlemcen, and in the unsuccessful expedition of Marshal CLAUZEL to Constantine, of which JUSUF had been somewhat prematurely named Bey. It was in the Winter of this year that he made his first appearance in Paris, where the romantic nature of his early adventures, his daring in the field, and his brilliant military career had already invested him with great interest, and his graceful figure and noble bearing made him the hero of the day. He soon returned to Africa with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of Spahis. In 1842 Marshal BUGEAUD demanded from the Minister of War his promotion as Colonel of the whole of the native cavalry. The Marshal in his dispatch remarked that—

"The praise of Lieut.-Col. JUSUF'S gallantry is in everybody's mouth. There is not an officer, not a private soldier, at the Division of Oran, who does not admire him. No man ever displayed more dashing bravery or more activity of mind and body. As a light cavalry officer there are few indeed to be compared to him, and hence the supreme power he has over the native Commandant of the whole of the Spahis of Algeria."

He became a naturalized Frenchman in 1830. In 1845 he was named a Major-General, and paid a second visit to Paris, on which occasion he abjured the religion of his early days, became a Christian, and at the same time married a niece of Gen. GUILLEMINOT. He returned to Africa the same year, and from that period to 1848 distinguished himself in the war against ABD-EL-KADER, whom he defeated and was on the point of making prisoner. In 1846 he was promoted to General of Division, and in 1857 took a leading part in the second expedition to Kabylia. In 1860 he defeated the bands of Moorish marauders who had invaded the Algerian territory. In 1864 he was charged with putting down the insurrection of a certain number of Arab tribes, defeated them in every encounter, and reduced them to submission at Laghouat. He had been named Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor in 1865. Owing to some cause not clearly explained Marshal MCMAHON soon after his appointment as Governor-General of Algeria is said to have recommended that JUSUF should be relieved of his command there. He did not long however, remain without employment. He was appointed to the military division of Montpellier, which he retained until his death.

An Irish Chieftain—The O'Donoghue of the Glens.

From the London Spectator.

An accurate and scientific description of the Irishman is as difficult to get at as was for a long time an accurate and scientific description of the Dodo. Novelists and poets, travelers and politicians, friends and enemies of Ireland, have all given us their tinted sketches of the national character; but if an Englishman were to be guided by any of these in forming his conception of the Celt he would be likely enough to go astray. Nor when we come to systematic observation, do we see our way much more clearly. Even among Irish politicians it is not easy to point out a man who may be taken as a fair specimen of the Celtic element in the British Empire—not taken (as our English journals, serious and comic, are too prone to take the Irish peasant) from the midst of squalor and ignorance, and held up to the scorn of this enlightened age and country, but taken with all the advantages that birth, position and education can bestow. If we find such a man adhering firmly to the political beliefs which in the opinions of some of us to consider Will-o'-the-Wisps that have been a long while, and in the opinions of others are known to be dark and deadly delusions, leading a brave, high-spirited, and untaught peasantry on to sure destruction, and yet, in comparison with the educated English gentleman, showing himself inferior to the whole in no part of that graceful and dignified intellectual completeness which we instinctively require in him, the fact ought to furnish us with grave matter for reflection, and might help to clear up much that is dark in the causes of this unhappy Fenian movement and the means of cure. Among Irish public men there is one who fulfills, in a remarkable degree, the requisite conditions, who holds a place even among Irishmen peculiar and almost unique. We doubt whether many of our readers are aware of the strange and interesting relation which subsists between a large body of the Irish peasantry and an Irish gentleman, with whose name we are tolerably familiar, and who bears in himself the title-preunder far, in the opinion of the people, than dukedom or earldom—of "The O'DONOGHUE of the Glens."

Among the many triumphs of Irish imagination there is none more conspicuous than its legendary lore, and among Irish legends the most exquisite for simplicity and delicacy is one which has for its scene Lough Lein, the fairest of the three lakes which have conferred a deserved celebrity upon Killarney. The spot is indeed one which might kindle into poetry a mind less impressionable than that of the peasant of Kerry. The lakes, a miracle of miniature beauty, sleeps at the foot of the loftiest mountains in Ireland, and of crags in which the eagle builds. The softness and warmth of the almost Italian atmosphere throw a charming langour around the place. The brilliant green of the turf—the thickets of myrtle, arbutus and ivy clothing the banks and the islets—the grey, quaint-shaped, lichen-clad rocks, which your guide calls The O'Donohue's castle, and prison, and library, transport you at once to fairy-land. Here alone should you hear the legend, for here alone can you feel it. Even the melodious verse of MOORE, which keeps ringing in your ears, spoils the vision. You will been hear the tale from the lips of a peasant girl. On the 1st of May, (so runs the story,) a strange sight may be seen by the shores of the lake. No sooner does the sun begin to appear over the tops of the mountains than a wild strain of unearthly music rises from the rocks, and if there be present a spectator lately purified from his sins a glorious pageant becomes visible. Troops of fairies spring from every nook and recess over the surface of the water the loveliest of flowers. Then a trumpet sounds, and the crowd assume once more their pristine form of chapel and castle and donjon keep, and from under the archway rides out slowly upon a milk-white charger a princely cavalier, dressedin the gorgeous habit of an ancient Irish chief. His horse treads the water as though it were solid ground, and the prince gazes sadly on his old home. Again the fairy music rises, and swells, and sinks; the horseman reaches the midpoint of the lake, waves a farewell, and all the pageant disappears. But it is said those fortunate ones to whom the vision has been vouchsafed are ever after prosperous, and when, as sometimes happens, this favor has been bestowed on many, the golden age returns for a while, the fields are loaded with the harvest, and all the valley reaps the benefit of The O'DONOGHUE.

The old family with whom this wild legend is connected has been always conspicuous in Irish annals. It claims descent from the Royal House of Munster, and is mentioned repeatedly in the chronicle of the Abbey of Innisfallen as the head of the Eognacht of Lough Lein. Among the most stubborn of the enemies of the Pale during the Middle Ages were the chiefs of this powerful house. Nor when a partial subjugation of the native power had been effected, did they show themselves more inclined to submit. In 1603 The O'DONOGHUE of the Glens was attainted. In 1689 his grandson was a General in the army of JAMES II. Rebellion was followed by confiscation, and but a small remnant was left of the vast estates which once formed the patrimony of this noble house. The chiefs sank in appearance—not in reality, as we shall presently show—to the position of country gentlemen. The present head of the family, a young man of much promise, and in many ways remarkable, is not only heir through his father to these traditions, but through his mother to the power and popularity of O'CONNELL. Yet though the mantle of the great demagogue has fallen upon him, he has little of the demagogue in his character, as in truth it would be difficult for one to have who has his old rank and power so forcibly put before his mind in the mouldering towers of Ross Castle, and the tombs where sleep the many chiefs of his House in the ruined chancel of Muckross Abbey.

The O'DONOGHUE, as we have known him here in England, has shown himself to be a young man of considerable ability, and is distinguished himself from the great majority of his colleagues, the Irish members, by a grace and delicacy which is too often absent in them. He has always advanced opinions which we should consider extreme in others, but which in him we almost admire while we condemn. On a late occasion, when bringing before the House of Commons a motion which was repugnant to the feelings of nine-tenths of his audience, he disarmed all hostility by his skilful deprecation: "It is impossible for one who has come so much in contact with Englishmen as I have to hate them." Nor did he make less impression by his personal appearance, for he is, if not the handsomest man, at least among the handsomest men in Parliament. He showed, also, that Irish eloquence is not yet extinct, though he can never hope to reach the mark of his uncle, he will undoubtedly make an excellent debater. There are one or two points in his character which, though not yet prominently exhibited, may contribute to diminish his value as a public man. He is vain, like many Irishmen; he is extravagant, like most Irishmen; and he cannot but see that he ought most carefully to avoid, the unreason of extremes. If he can check these tendencies he may do a good work, for few have such opportunities as he; but if not, he will sink to the level of the Fearghus O'Connors of the last generation.

To Englishmen, however, The O'DONOGHUE is only a favorable specimen of an Irish party leader. What his position in Ireland we cannot precisely conceive. The Irish have never shown themselves slow to admire and follow a chief who has devoted his energies to their cause, whatever his rank and birth may be. But they are essentially an aristocratic people, and as such they feel toward The O'DONOGHUE in some respects as they never felt, nor could feel, even toward O'CONNELL. The two circumstances, trifling in themselves, but important as showing the current of feeling, may be worth notice. At the time when a subscription for the Lancashire sufferers was organized at Tralee, there had been a miser able harvest in Ireland, and the scarcity has been most severely felt in Kerry. The county members had opened a meeting with a speech in favor of the subscription, when The O'DONOGHUE rose to oppose it. "I am but a humble individual," he began. There was a shout in the crowd. "You a humble individual!" You, The O'DONOGHUE of the Glens! You are a prince! You are the King of the Lakes!" And then come a menacing cry, "Hats off!" and the haughtiest of the aristocracy, the hitherto enemies of The O'DONOGHUE had to yield to the voice of the peasants, and to uncover before him whom the people esteemed royal. But this remarkable scene might be considered the mere enthusiasm of a mob. A more convincing testimony to this strange feeling almost of worship is furnished by a still later occurrence. The estates of The O'DONOGHUE, though large, have not been for many years in a prosperous state. Some time since he was compelled to bring them into the market, and the sale was duly announced. Almost immediately there appeared in most of the Irish provincial papers an address from the tenantry upon these estates. Now the tenants are all poor men, very much poorer than the average English farmer, and they asked their friends for assistance. For what object? To help them in their disinterested effort to buy back and restore his lands to their chief. They entirely reject any voice of his in the matter:

"We, his own people," they say, "cannot be, and will not be, gainsaid. The work we come to do is *our* own, not his. It is *our* work peculiarly. It is the work of all Irishmen. We will, in the name of his own tenantry, and of the tenant-farmers and people of Ireland, for his personal and public deserving, raise funds to present him anew with the title-deeds of those estates. That remnant which escaped the havoc of confiscation we will save from forfeiture now."

We are not aware what result this generous effort has produced, but in truth that is unimportant. The feeling which prompted it is the remarkable point, and to illustrate this we add a few words more:

"We who address you," they continue, "are tenantry on the estates of a man whose name is well known, well loved among Irishmen everywhere—The O'DONOGHUE. To many of you he is known as an unflinching champion of his country—a sterling friend of the tenant-farmers of Ireland. To us he is much more. To say he is our landlord may mean little in Ireland; for in our country few are the landlords who regard their tenantry with such feelings of confidence, kindness, attachment and friendship, as those which have always subsisted between him and us. The estates on which we hold have descended to him in direct succession through hundreds of years; and in him, it is truth to say, the blood of his ancestors has not degenerated. To us he has been, in heart and hand, in act and word, the prince and the chieftain still, noble and generous and chivalrous in all things. From his earliest boyhood he has been among us. He joined in our rural games; he mingled in our humble sports, and by many a good proof we found that whatever affected the least of us, in grief or in joy, brought sorrow or gladness to him. With pride that claimed him as our own, we have watched him grow up to manhood; and since he first raised his voice in public for old Ireland, we have followed his career with such feelings as none but his own people and clansmen could feel."

The exhibition of such a feeling at the present day is a phenomenon on which we might think for a little. We well know that in our own country we have many excellent proprietors, but for which of them, we may ask, would such a spontaneous enthusiasm be elicited? Neither high birth nor munificence would produce such an offer in this country, where "cash payment is the sole *nexus* of man to to man." But in Ireland the people will not believe, in respect of land at least, that cash payment is the sole *nexus*. There lies our difficulty; there, perhaps, also our opportunity.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

Unsettled and Dangerous Condition of the Country—Great Suffering Among American Immigrants—Whereabouts and Occupations of Distinguished Southern Exiles—The Adoption of the Grandson of Iturbide.

From Our Own Correspondents.

CITY OF MEXICO, Monday morning, March 19, 1866.

The extraordinary mail which usually leaves Mexico forty to forty-eight hours in advance of the time stated for the steamer's departure, for some unaccountable reason left this city yesterday at 11 A. M. for the Vera Cruz. As the extraordinary will depart to-day for the Spanish steamer, I have run the risk of delaying my correspondence until to-day, and dispatching my communications under cover to Vera Cruz to be remailed for New-York on the 22d inst.

Improvement, strange as it may appear, is on the increase, as are also outrages by bandits, and the unlawful slaughters by the Imperial and Liberal forces. Following the assault on the two diligences, made by the Liberals a league beyond Venta de Cordova, and three leagues this side of the eating station, Rio Frio, which was made at sunrise on the 4th inst., and resulted in the death of MAXIMILIAN'S brother-in-law, the Count of FLANDRES, and the wounding of Gen. FOUAY and two others, we learn of the robbery of the diligence two leagues east of Puebla; the same morning, only a few hours earlier. A paymaster of the Imperial forces, with $8,000 in silver, was the mark on this occasion, and the robbers hit the target with little trouble. The Austrian escort fled on the approach of the robbers, who numbered less than the escort, and after pillaging the mail, securing a fine set of diamonds and $400 in gold from W. B. KIMBALL, an American from New-Orleans, the robbers fled as swiftly as they came.

Capt. H'UART, Count of Flanders, was one of those who came to notify the Emperor of the accession of LEOPOLD II. to the throne. The Emperor was telegraphed of the affair early Sunday morning, 4th inst., and immediately started for Rio Frio, where the body of the murdered Count had been carried. The whole party returned to the Capital Monday night with the body of the Count. Capt. TURNER, of the *Manhattan*, who was a passenger in the second diligence, was permitted to pass on to Puebla. The funeral services of the Count of Flanders were celebrated at the Church of the Professor, on the 7th inst., and was attended by their Majesties MAXIMILIAN and CARLOTTA, the diplomatic corps and notables of State.

The change of Ministry which was announced on the morning of the 5th, was the result of this European Commissioner's negotiations with the Emperor. Ostensibly they came on one mission, in reality another and more important one was executed. ROBLES, the firm old monarchist of a quarter of a century, and up to the 3d inst., the Minister of Interior, was informed of his promotion to the position of comisaria imperial over the distant State of Guanajesto; and SOMERA, the quiet opposer of all foreign influences, yet a high-minded and scholarly citizen, is appointed Minister of Interior. This appointment, as all others included in MAXIMILIAN'S first grand Cabinet change, was dated "Palace of Mexico, March 3, 1866." Up to date, however, SOMERA has firmly refused to serve as the Emperor's *Ministro de Fomento*, and JIMINEZ, ROBLES' Secretary, is acting Minister of State.

CASTILLO, Minister of Foreign Relations and Marine Service, at the same time was appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

JOSE MARIA ESTEVA, Minister of State, is notified that he is appointed Commissary of the Second Territorial Division; also that he is adorned with the Grand Insignia of the Order of the Imperial Order of Guadaloupe. He is dangerous to the throne, this first-class Spanish statesman, and, like ROBLES, is too powerful with the people to remain in proximity to MAXIMILIAN. JUAN PEREZ, Minister of War, is given his excuse for a trip and residence in the wealthy city of Morelia, capital of the State of Michoacan, over which he is to preside as Commissary. Senor Don PEREZ has also received the insignia of the Imperial Mexican Eagle. Don FERNANDO RAMIREZ, it appears, has desired to throw down the robes of Minister of State, and retire to private life. On March 3, after being notified of the bestowal of the insignia of the Mexican Eagles, *he was retired*. Gen. GARCIA, compeer and for many years firm friend of REGULES, now so successful in his career as a General in Michoacan, is appointed Minister of War. ESCUDERA, recently appointed Minister of Justice, was appointed Superintendent of Instruction and Agriculture. DOMINGO BURRAU, Political Prefect of the Department of Vera Cruz, the tyrant over the press, the dictator over merchandise, and recently a Mexican monte dealer, who cashed his checks when the Empire was a fact, and aspired and reached a political position, disgracing the Government by his deeds, which were making him as notorious as the Emperor, received a note from the latter on the 3d of March, informing him that he is appointed a Commissary over the Indians in Yucatan. Here are other appointments:

Señor Don FRANCISCO ARTIGAS, appointed Supreme Head of the Supreme Tribunal of Justice.

Gen. FRANCISCO G. CASANOVA, appointed Commandant of the Seventh Military Division.

Gen. NICHOLAS PORTILLA, appointed Commandant Fifth Military Division.

IRREABERRN, Commissary Eighth Territorial Division.

SARABIA, Commissary Sixth Territorial Division.

Gen. GUTIERREZ, Commandant Eighth Military Division.

FRANCISCO D. LANDERA, Political Prefect, Department of Vera Cruz.

Here is corroborated the truth of the letter I wrote to you two weeks since, in which it was alleged that the Church power was to be resurrected; that ROBLES, RAMIREZ and all those staunch conservatives were to be thrust aside by NAPOLEON'S commands, which commands he had communicated to the Commission, of which HUART and FOUAY were members. We see these decrees of the Emperor's are dated March the 3d. They were delivered on the same date, and at 3 A. M. the next morning the Commission left the capital of the new empire, their work well done.

Emigration is evidently on the increase. Many are arriving in this city who have made the trip overland from Texas. Invariably they rush off to the land of promise at Cordova, where to-day about thirty Confederate families are prospering, and five hundred are suffering from want and hunger. Anathemas on MAURY and ALLEN are as current now as the *Bonny Blue Flag* was in other days. All the want, suffering and deaths that have resulted from these two men's invitations to "come to Mexico," are carried back to them. MAURY sailed from Vera Cruz on the English steamer *Rider* on the 1st inst., and ALLEN is at Vera Cruz. RAMAY

CURRENT LITERATURE.

BLANCHE.

A Story in Two Chapters.

From Once a Week.

CHAPTER I.

I was so unfortunate, whilst a student in Paris, as to fall ill with ague, and, like all bachelors, sought care and cure in a Maison de Santé. Tourists, however, so rarely hear of this truly Parisian institution, that before commencing my story I preface a word or two concerning it.

A Maison de Santé is neither more nor less than a hospital conducted on esthetic principles; in other words, illness beautified; for whether you are jaundiced or palsied, have broken a limb or lost a lung, you are made to feel that such a visitation is the best possible luck in the world. Tender nurses smooth your pillow, courteous physicians discuss the news of the day, pretty valetudinarians bring you roses and *feuilletons*. I selected the Maison de Santé Municipale. Anyone who has walked from the monster railway station of the Calais terminus to the Faubourg St. Denis, would remember an imposing-looking façade which extends the length of an ordinary street. Enter, and you are lost in admiration of the breadth and elevation and symmetry of the building, and the brilliancy and airiness of its entourage. Open porticoes lead from spacious saloons to flowery pastures; there are fountains playing, caged birds singing, and every ornamental element of out-door life. One path curls round an artificial height covered with daisies, another ends in a laurel-grove and rustic seat, a third climbs a terrace of well-kept flowers. Groups of cheerful valetudinarians sit here and there, carriages come and go at one's bidding, servants are ready to fly at a signal, and the distant noise of the streets gives a pleasant *dolce far niente* feeling.

I was spending my last day of convalescence at the Maison de Santé. To-morrow I should no longer talk politics with the rheumatic monsieur, belles-lettres with the asthmatical monsieur, social science with the dropsical monsieur, agriculture with the monsieur who had broken his leg, art with the monsieur who had dislocated his collar-bone, love and romance with the ladies who had the measles.

The only person whom I really regretted was a young man not mentioned in this category. His name was Félicien Des Essarts, and his illness had arisen, as the illness of many young authors arise, from mental over-excitation, irregular hours, and insufficient food.

"I'll just tell you the thought of my mind, Browne," he said, as we reclined on a well-cushioned bench out of doors, "if I am not strong enough to leave this place in a few days, I shall never leave it at all."

"Nonsense, Des Essarts, you ate half a fowl for your breakfast."

He shook his head.

"You students don't know how we poor *feuilletonists* exist. Do you remember Marius in 'Les Misérables.' He purchased a chop, and on the first day ate the lean, on the second the fat, and on the third gnawed the bone. I've surpassed that economy many a time, and am feeling the evil effects of it now."

I tried first to laugh, then to reason away his fears, but in vain. He was possessed with the idea that he should never leave the walls of the sanatorium alive.

"What matters!" he laughed, recklessly. "I have had some good days. One of my pieces was acted at the Variétés—aye, acted for twenty-one nights in succession—a year or two back. What a festival we had! There was Victor, and Etienne, and François, and Emilie of the black eyes. Pretty, pretty Emilie! Would she cry if she heard that I were laid in the cemetery of Montmartre? Perhaps; but it does not matter to me. Look here."

He took from his bosom a small painted photograph of a young girl, whose beauty consisted in her rare complexion and sweet, pensive expression. The auburn hair, the violet eyes, the glowing lips, combined to make such a face as one seldom sees.

"Well?" he said.

"If I were not betrothed to one of my own countrywomen I should envy you," I answered.

"*She* is not an Emilie," he went on impetuously. "She is pure as an angel, and would mourn for me till her hair grew gray. Will you promise me a favor, Browne?"

I promised.

"You will be free to-morrow—oh, my God! strong and free, and a man again! You must go to her instead of me."

"And my message?"

"Let me take breath a little. Blanche has not a happy home, you must know. Her father married a widow with money, and the poor wretch hardly dares to treat his own child kindly. There is another daughter, too—that woman's—and between two fiends and a fool, no wonder that Blanche was ready to run away. We should have been married six weeks ago but for this illness."

"And now?"

"And now I think we shall never be married at all. Could you befriend Blanche a little in that case?"

"With friends—money—counsel?"

"With all."

Then, seeing my look of bewilderment, he added, eagerly and apologetically,

"She could do anything that other poor young ladies do by way of living—teach, sew, model flowers, play the pianoforte. Is it possible for you to help her toward a livelihood? She would be happy anywhere if people treated her kindly, and—"

He looked at me eagerly, blushed to the brow, and added, in an undertone,

"I couldn't rest in my grave, if she staid at home. There is a man who calls himself Henriette's lover (Henriette is the name of the step-sister), but he hates her, and loves Blanche,—loves Blanche, as the miser loves money, as beasts love prey, as gourmands love fine dishes. The man has no soul—do you understand?"

I understood quite well, and he saw it; grasping my arm with the strength of a fury, he gnashed between his teeth, "The man is rich, in good health, and has no heart. When I think of my own condition I long to curse him, if curses could save Blanche."

Here the resident physician came up, and observing Félicien's flushed cheeks and excited manner, he divided us under some special pretext. I saw my friend no more that day, and though on the next we breakfasted in company, the presence of the convalescents hindered us from speaking freely. He merely gave me a card containing the following address:

"Mme. Goupil,

"Pension Bourgeoise,

"Rue de Buffon, No. 2."

Adding, as we made our adieux: "There is your vantage ground, but whatever you do, beware of offending Blanche's step-mother."

"*Courage, mon ami!*" I cried, cheerfully; "let us hope that you will soon be able to fight your own battles."

"Never."

I wrung his hand, and feigned not to see the tears that had gathered in his eyes. But the delicate transparency of the complexion, the unnatural lustre of the dark eyes, the wasted hands, the drooping figure, all pointed to one conclusion, and made me afterwards sorry for what I had said. Almost a miracle were needed to prolong the life of Blanche's lover.

And now in what way was I to fulfil my promise? Here was a young girl whom I had never seen, threatened by all kinds of dangers and insults by people I must learn to know. Surely I had the strangest of duties, and the most difficult of guardianships!

I thought over the matter steadily for half an hour, and by the end of that time had come to the following conclusions:

Firstly, it would be prudent to enter the pension as a simple boarder, in no wise disclosing my acquaintance with Félicien.

Secondly, it would be as well for me to consult an old friend of mine, an ex-governess of my sister's, residing in the Rue St. Honoré, as to Blanche's future.

Thirdly, I resolved to feign admiration for Henriette, and kick her unworthy lover out of doors the very first opportunity.

That very evening I went to the Rue de Buffon.

Quitting the omnibus at the entrance of the Jardin des Plantes, I followed what seemed to be a by-street, cast into deep shadow by high garden walls and chestnut-trees overtopping them. Here and there a little iron gate broke the white monotony, and the last of these was distinguished by a plate bearing the words, "Pension Bourgeoise." The bell-cord being broken, I entered unceremoniously, and found myself in a long narrow garden, overgrown with grass, flowers, and vegetables. At the lower end stood some hen coops and a round table; at the upper, the house presented a front of bow windows open to the ground, low dormers above, and a side entrance, with kitchen and red-bricked staircase.

A little old lady in black satin was busily feeding chickens as I entered, but quitted her occupation to follow me inquisitively toward the house. On catching sight of the lady proprietress, however, she vanished with the agility of a nymph.

Madame Goupil was florid, sleepy-eyed, and wore a yellow cap. She certainly had nothing of the fiend in her looks, unless an indolent, languid air of cunning, or the wearing of a yellow cap may be called so. But she was not quite a pleasant person. Something indescribable in her voice and manner made you feel as if she should not take any trouble about you, unless she found it worth her while.

"So, monsieur would join our little circle?" she said in a monotonous undertone. "The air is so pure, and the family arrangements so friendly, that monsieur can but be charmed. And then, monsieur, Goupil is the most amiable of men. Only yesterday he walked to the Halles to procure beans for one of our ladies, because she asked for them. A child in his ways, but an angel at heart, is my poor Goupil, monsieur."

I caught sight of a tall, grey-haired man, wearing a velvet skull-cap and shabby surtout, cleaning salad in the kitchen, and was not wrong in supposing this to be the poor Goupil. After a few minutes he entered by another way, and we were soon busily discussing terms. I noticed that Madame, though avowedly estimating her husband's abilities at a very low rate, appealed to him upon every point.

"You hear this, Bernard? You understand the gentleman to intend that, Bernard?" she said, if once, twenty times. Bernard looking very much in awe of his wife all the time. Our arrangements were made without much ado, and I entered the pension from that very hour.

"Monsieur will not find the time pass heavily," said Madame; "removed from the din of the city, we live an idyllic life, occupying our leisure with music, dancing and the rural pursuits of the poultry-yard. Our daughter Henriette brightens us old folks with her wit, and monsieur her lover brings us the news of the great world. Truly a happy family, monsieur."

"You have a daughter?" I asked.

"We have a daughter," said Madame, eyeing her husband significantly; "and such a daughter, monsieur!"

"Only child, Madame?"

"An only child."

Just then Monsieur Goupil shuffled back to the kitchen, and Madame cried, shutting the door upon him,

"See what he is, this poor Goupil, monsieur! The child I speak of is his step-daughter, and he cannot bear to hear her praised. Fire and water, fire and water are not nearly so antagonistic as these two, monsieur, and I have to bear the brunt of it all."

Madame chatted on, I too much perplexed to answer or even follow her. She mentioned only one child, distinctly negativing the existence of any other. Where then was Blanche?

The sound of the first dinner-bell relieved me of my hostess' unwelcome presence, and I strolled into the garden by way of obtaining quiet. Hardly had I set foot on the turf, however, before a footstep sounded close behind me, and, looking up, I beheld the little chicken-feeder.

She was a strange little personage, with pink cheeks, pale yellow hair blowing to the four winds, restless blue eyes, and a habit of peeking her looks at you as a timid bird afraid of being driven away. And she had a somewhat foggy understanding.

"Does Monsieur like feeding chickens?" she asked, nervously; "because here is some grain."

I assented, to please her, and she brought from under her apron a handful of barley.

Smiling at my look of astonishment, she whispered: "Clever police make clever thieves, Monsieur, *voilà tout.*"

We sat down under the chestnut trees, and soon had a hungry brood around us. The little lady chuckled over the feast that her cunning had provided for them.

"Ah," she said, apparently thinking herself alone, "if Blanche were here you'd peck out of her hands, you pretty dears."

Hardly were the words said than she recollected my presence. Dismayed and crestfallen, she was fain to explain away her words, but lacked the power. "I was thinking of some one else; don't pay any heed to me," she whispered. "There are some things one mustn't talk about in every house—you understand."

And then, as if fearful of betraying herself, she shook the remaining corn from her apron, and walked quickly toward the house.

I was getting into a maze. Evidently some fate had befallen Blanche of which my poor friend knew nothing. Her existence was denied; her very name was under a ban.

Had she fallen into some snare set by her sister's lover? Had she been driven to desperation by the tyrannies of her home? Was she dead?

In the midst of these disturbing thoughts the final gong sounded for dinner, and I recollected that I had forgotten my toilette. To rush to my room, to change my clothes, to perfume my handkerchief, was the work of a minute. When I entered the salon, with a voluminous apology, Madame was still ladling out the soup.

I was formally introduced to Mademoiselle Henriette, Monsieur Colin, her fiancée, the rest of the party *en masse*, and then took the seat assigned me. The better to fulfill my purpose, I feigned a countrified, somewhat unsophisticated mein and manner, thus procuring me the drainings of the wine-bottle, the untempting limbs of the fowl, the most meagre modicum of dessert, and, what was quite compensatory, perfect oblivion of every one present except of Mademoiselle Henriette. That young lady never forgot a single element of the small society around her for an instant. She was as keenly alive to each little weakness and as keenly appreciate of each little idiosyncrasy as a writer of Balzac's school might be; and naturally, at a private table d'hôte of this kind, food was not wanting for such mental appetite.

Of the fourteen members composing Madame's family circle, ten were ladies of an uniform age and presence, but varying strongly in those slight shades that only quick observers can detect. One motive had evidently driven them all to seek the sheltering wing of Madame Goupil—namely, economy; and one passion evidently kept them from ennui—namely, jealousy of each other. My little friend, the chicken-feeder, seemed the enfate gâté of all, and the only centre of cordiality and good feeling. Among the men it suffices to particularize Monsieur Colin, Henriette's lover. He was about fifty, and still possessed that florid kind of beauty so admired by women of a certain type. Well made, with regular features, and a bright black close-cut beard, he lacked nothing but intellectuality to recommend him among women of all types. He spoke well, and had a sweet voice; he had a certain indolent way of paying tender little courtesies; he never said or looked a rude or sarcastic or unwelcome truth. But for all that, as my poor friend had said, the man was without a soul. When Henriette used that stinging little whip, her tongue, so pitilessly, Monsieur Colin was the first to smile; when Henriette browbeat her timid, quibbling old stepfather, Monsieur Colin encouraged her with a glance of admiration; when Henriette lashed one inoffensive middle-aged lady after the other into silence, Monsieur Colin tried no mediation, offered no apology, and evidently enjoyed the scene from the bottom of his heart. How I hated the man! How I hoped that Henriette would turn against him one day! This admirable young lady was not handsome, and had passed the Rubicon so awful to Frenchwomen, namely, the thirtieth birthday. Though wanting, however, in youthful sottness and bloom, she had attractions of a more startling and uncommon kind. Her figure was tall, and symmetrical as a statue; her eyes were the finest I had ever seen, and wonderful for their power of expression; her wit was ever ready and ever new.

CHAPTER II.

The evening passed pleasantly on the whole. As soon as the cloth was removed, we adjourned to a little saloon opening on to the garden, parties were formed for whist and dominoes, whilst those who loved music drew round Madamoiselle's piano.

She played fairly, and sung one or two songs with no little execution, Monsieur Colin smoking his cigar at her elbow all the time. Once I saw him kiss her hand, but the act was done so indolently and formally that I could not understand Henriette's triumphant acknowledgment of it. She blushed, faltered and smiled, like an *ingénue* of seventeen. About ten o'clock Monsieur Colin took his leave, and the little household separated for the night. One circumstance that occurred amid the universal jargon of parting compliments struck me. It was this:

There seemed to be a tacit division of domestic duties between Mlle. Henriette and her parents. Madame went through the kitchen and butteries, trying the locks and surveying the stores; Henriette extinguished the lights and stowed away the plate; Monsieur, having put on his hat and boots, lighted a lantern and stepped out into the garden.

"I am going to look up the chickens," he said explanatorily. "If Monsieur wishes for a turn in the moonlight I shall be delighted to have his company."

I was about to fetch my hat, when I heard Henriette's laugh close at my ear.

"Afraid of the bogeys, poor little papa?" she said, sneeringly; "shall it be eaten up by goblins, then, and frightened out of its little wits!"

"I merely invited Monsieur to join me," answered the old man, shrinking away; "I—am—not—frightened——"

But the tremor of his voice and the timidity of his gesture betrayed him. Pitying the poor old man, I laughingly deprecated Henriette's sarcasm. I followed Monsieur bareheaded across the turf, singing a snatch of Beranger about love and moonlight. When he had reached the end of the garden, where the thickly interleaved chestnut boughs made a deep shadow, Monsieur stopped short.

"It's very kind of you to come with me," he said, holding up his lantern so as to see my face. "Henriette—Mademoiselle—makes fun of everything I say, but in very truth, Monsieur, I saw something unearthly here last night."

He looked round, shuddered, and bending down, began locking the fowl-coops hurriedly.

"Be so kind as to hold the lantern for me, Monsieur," he began again. "It is chilly, and my hands shake. What is that moving in the trees?"

"Nothing is moving in the trees but the wind," I said, with difficulty repressing a smile.

The last key was turned, and Monsieur rose, with an effort of cheerfulness.

"We all have our fancies, my dear Monsieur, have we not? *N'importe.* Were it not for each other's little weaknesses, where would be the need of divine charity?"

I feigned perfect faith in Monsieur's vigorous bravery, and tried to lead the conversation back to its original source.

"You saw something unearthly?" I began.

"One must seek to drive away such painful impressions, Monsieur; and Mlle. Henriette declares that I had muddled my brain by drinking too much coffee. The fact is, I am getting old, and have had many troubles."

"Your daughter is a splendid creature, and ought to console you," I said. "What a sparkling wit she has, and, by St. Cupid, what a figure!"

I felt my arm caught as in a vice, and heard a low, senile chuckle. "My daughter! Monsieur calls her my daughter!" he said, adding, in an almost inaudible voice, "I had a daughter once, but her name was not Henriette."

"And you lost her? She is dead?"

"Monsieur mustn't ask questions. She displeased Madame, and was sent away; but, indeed, we are both breaking rules. Many thanks for Monsieur's society. Good-night; good-night."

And saying this, he shuffled toward the kitchen, lantern in hand, leaving me to grope my way up stairs as best I could. Two other days passed, and by the end of that time I had fallen into the routine of the pension. Madame's rigorous economies, Henriette's tyrannic behaviour to everybody but her lover, Monsieur Colin's selfish acceptance of her homage, poor Goupil's submission, the little quarrels of the ladies, all these things repeated themselves without any especial variety. I took good care to spend every evening at home, and by that means won the good grace of every one. Henriette tried to connect with me by way of provoking Monsieur Colin to jealousy; Madame liked a leaven of gentlemen's society in her establishment; she said it looked well and sounded well; Monsieur was grateful for such waifs and strays of kindness as I ventured to show him; while Monsieur Colin seemed really relieved to have Henriette's attentions a little divided. I believe he was almost as fond of this girl as it was in his nature to be, but he admired beauty, and in his eyes she had none.

"Poor Henriette will make a good wife," he would say to me over coffee and cigars; "and has extraordinary talents. But what are talents without a pretty face?"

"Mademoiselle has glorious eyes, and the figure of a Juno," I put in.

"Bah! you should have seen the eyes of the little sister, Blanche!"

And then the subject would be put off abruptly, and just as I deemed myself on the edge of a great discovery, all became blank and inscrutable as before. At the end of a week I had learned nothing.

Not caring to carry so unsatisfactory a story to my poor friend in the Maison de Santé, I wrote instead, touching upon Blanche's absence and the common acceptation of it, as cheerfully as was possible. I received in reply the following pencilled note:

"I am only able to crawl from my bed to the window, or would leave this place at the risk of my life and seek Blanche. I cannot tell you the terror with which your letter has inspired me. I know Henriette and her mother too well to doubt some foul injustice—Heavens! crime would seem the proper word—is at the bottom of this mystery. What is best for you to do, I know not—all that I implore of you is to do something. How can I die in this fearful suspense?"

Inside the envelope was scrawled by way of postscript:

"Goupil is harmless and good-hearted. He would tell you all he knew."

Acting upon the hint, I took every opportunity of improving my acquaintance with Monsieur Goupil. But he was so child-like, so helpless, and so terribly in awe of his wife and step-daughter, that all our little confidences had to be obtained by stealth. Sometimes I made a point of meeting him, as if by accident, in the markets—for he was the boot-cleaner, scullery-maid, and errand-boy of the establishment—sometimes I volunteered my assistance in digging up potatoes, or gathering peas. Sometimes I presented him with half-a-dozen cigars, and once I took him to the play.

We went to the Porte St. Martin, and saw "Les Pilules du Diable," surely the most gorgeous, rollicking, captivating extravaganza that the ingenuity of man ever contrived.

The poor old man laughed, wept, and embraced me from very rapture; but when we adjourned to a café close by, and supped as I suspect he had not supped for many a year, the cup of his gratitude was full. He called me his *fils bien aimé*, his friend, his protector, pledged himself to everlasting affection and remembrance; finally, opened his heart to me.

It was a sad story. He had married because he needed bread, and the bread thus obtained was dealt out in niggardly portions, and steeped in bitterness beyond the bitterness of asphodel.

"Of course, when a man marries a lady because she has a house and some hundred francs," he said, with pitiful meekness, "there are little caprices to be endured; but I couldn't bear to see my poor Blanche made a Cinderella of. Oh, Monsieur! she was so pretty and so sweet, and her step-sister Henriette would have trodden on her neck if she dared."

We were now walking along the boulevard arm and arm, and he looked behind and before him whilst speaking.

"Blanche had a spirit, but Henriette broke it. She made her do the work of the house, and wear her old dresses; she taunted her with her dependence before all our *pensionnaires*, she—oh, Monsieur, what am I saying? Let us talk of the play——"

"But I am especially interested in Mademoiselle Blanche," I said, persuasively. "Moreover, I am the friend of her faithful lover, Félicien des Essarts——"

"Félicien? Why did he go away? Where is he?"

I answered his questions one by one. The picture of Félicien sick, Félicien lonely, Félicien all but broken hearted for the loss of Blanche, struck and subdued him. He grew coherent and self-possessed, and he told me what he knew without any effort at concealment.

One night, during his temporary absence, Blanche had disappeared. None could tell whither she had gone or the reason of her going, but Madame and Henriette forbade the mention of her name from that hour.

"I don't think Blanche would willingly have left me so," added the old man, tearfully. "She knew that I had no one else to comfort me; she knew how I would weep for her."

I caught his arm and cried eagerly,

"You do not suspect that they drove her away, or anything more unnatural and wicked?"

"I suspect nothing. I haven't mind enough left for suspicion, Monsieur. I only know that I wish I wer dead."

My companion was too overcome, and I too bewildered, to say any more. When we reached the gate of the Pension both were striving after self-composure, and both were looking, perhaps with the same thought, towards the chestnut trees.

Was I dreaming? Had I imbibed the phantasmagoria of "Les Pilules du Diable" so strongly as to see unreal things in a real world? I stood by the little iron gate, I heard Mademoiselle Henriette playing in the salon, I saw the shabby little figure of the poor Goupil beside me, and yet I had lost my senses and knew not where I was.

A shadow—a shape—a something moved amid the chestnut trees. One moment, and I felt that the diaphanous drapery was tangible, and the figure it covered was living; another, and I caught, or imagined that I caught the gleam of a woman's golden head; a third, and Monsieur Goupil was clinging to my knees, pallid and palsied with fear, and about the chestnut groves were darkness and silence only.

"Oh! Monsieur, Monsieur, that is what I saw once before. It is my Blanche, and yet it is not she. Surely such sights as these portend terrible things!" he cried; and it was a long time before I could soothe him.

To satisfy myself was more difficult still. I put the matter before me in every possible light. I accounted for the old man's hallucination and my own, by various plausibilities. I reduced the mystery to its simplest and least objectionable form. Still it was a mystery; a mystery I resolved to fathom, if indeed it were fathomable; a mystery I could neither forget by night nor by day; a mystery that made study impossible to me and sleep unhealthy.

From that day I spent all the strategy of which I was master upon Henriette. I feted, flattered and provoked her; I dropped hints as to her lover's gallantries; I taunted her with his indifference; I played upon her love of gifts and her love of pleasure. For strong-minded as she was, and self-sustained as she was, she had a childish love of fine clothes, sweetmeats, cheap music and street shows.

She did not wholly dislike me. When Monsieur Colin failed to come, she gladly played my favorite songs, mimicked such of her mother's boarders as were absent, for my amusement, and, in fine, relieved her *ennui* without relieving her malice.

One evening, when she had been unusually jealous about Monsieur Colin, and, suave to me, I ventured upon a more decided course of action. We had been talking lightly of love, using words about as dangerous as those happily left to the organ to deal, and recurring again and again to personal experience. Henriette stepped on the side of second love. I opposed whilst I spoke. "Witty and attractive as you are," I said, "you have a rival in Monsieur Colin's heart whom you will not easily supersede. She came first, and will outstay a reign like yours."

The girl's eyes flamed.

"I defy her power, and deny her claim," she said.

"Blanche's?" I asked quietly.

She turned upon me, as if to sound my knowledge to the bottom.

"I have no secrets," I added in a voice of cold indifference. "You must be better able to judge of this young lady's hold on your lover's heart."

"I?" she faltered.

"You."

"Pierre has told you——"

"Monsieur Colin has told me nothing I can repeat, Mademoiselle. If you wish to make the world as if it held no Blanche to him, the way is easy."

She looked up eagerly. I bent down and whispered in her ear:

"Reinstate your step-sister in her home, and the game would be in your own hands."

Thunderstruck as she was, she never for a single instant lost self-possession. She scooped my knowledge of the family secret as a matter of course, and gave me no clue to the unraveling of it.

"Have you forgotten that Blanche is ten years younger than I?" she asked, evidently anticipating a triumph for herself now. She was disappointed.

"What of that? Were Blanche beautiful as an angel, her presence could not harm you as her unexplained absence is doing. Monsieur Colin is not a boy of eighteen, and would tire of her after two days' ineffectual courting."

"You do not know him."

"But why keep this pretty Blanche hidden from us all?" I said in an altered tone. "You are cruel, Mademoiselle, and will leave us soon. Are we to have no one in your place?"

"Monsieur," Henriette answered, very distantly and drily, "it may be the fashion in England, but in France nothing excuses inquisitiveness as to domestic affairs; oblige me by changing the subject."

Thus it happened that I risked all and gained nothing. I felt utterly powerless now to help my friend Félicien, much as I desired it. I felt even more than powerless, since I became an object of suspicion to both Madame Goupil and her daughter. The old man avoided me partly, as I imagined, from fear of his wife, and partly from fear of himself. He could not help prattling of his troubles, and the very winds seemed to turn eavesdroppers on Madame's behalf.

All circumstances combined to make life in the Rue de Buffon a dreary affair at this time. Madame fed us ill, Henriette's tongue became venomous as the sting of a wasp, Monsieur Colin stayed away altogether, and the threadbare bachelors and shabby spinsters played dominoes and whist without a smile.

Félicien still lived, and on one or two occasions was enabled to see me. He had grown fiercely suspicious of the two Goupils now, and would have fain set the police upon their track, have charged them with the murder of Blanche, have done a hundred unconsidered things. I promised to take the initiative, but felt that too much caution could not be used. If, after all, Blanche were living, we might dearly repent such precipitate conduct; and precipitation alone could do no good.

One evening, events were brought to an unlooked for crisis without any interference whatever. I had paid up my arrears to Madame, fully intent upon quitting the Rue de Buffon next day, which resolution seemed rather satisfactory than otherwise to the two ladies. Every one else, including Monsieur Colin, expressed unfeigned sorrow, and as to "ce pauvre père Goupil," as my friend the chicken-feeder, informed me, he cried whenever he found himself alone.

It was the first really autumnal evening, and though the windows of the salon were open still, and Henriette's white muslin dress simulated Summer, every one shivered sympathetically.

Candles were not yet lighted, for Madame practiced every possible economy that could be supported on sentimental grounds. Fruit and vegetables were the food of man before sin came, therefore it was proper and poetic to live on apples and potatoes. The Summer was too beautiful to let go too easily; therefore it behooved every one to go without fires till near Christmas. Twilight induced dreaminess and spirituality; therefore her unhappy boarders were doomed to two or three hours of inactivity and darkness.

To-night the twilight was unusually deceptive and depressing. The garden lay in deep shadow, unbroken, save when the chestnut boughs tossed like funereal plumes against the cold gray sky. Not a sound broke the stillness, save the murmur of the outlying world of Paris, and the hoarse chaunt of a blind beggar in a neighboring street.

Henriette sat at the piano and played fitfully, as the fancy seized her. Madame dozed on the sofa, rousing herself now and then to praise her daughter's performance, or to beg her dear Goupil to run and see how Jeanette was getting on with her ironing. Monsieur Colin smoked, nibbled chocolate, and took no notice of any one. The *pensionnaires*, one and all, whispered to each other during the performance of Henriette's loudest passages, and held their peace at other times.

I perhaps enjoyed the most cheerful mood. Whatever exertions I might take on Félicien's behalf, however close the future might bring me to the old sordid life in the Rue de Buffon, I felt already removed from it, and the feeling was refreshing.

I could but regret, however, my poor old friend Monsieur Goupil, and the little chicken-feeder, and the power I should lose of henceforth brightening their lives. I thought, too, of the shadow among the chesnut-trees, alternately doubting, questioning, believing it.

On a sudden, as if the brain were indeed able to clothe its eidolon with shape and substance, I saw before me all I had just before seen in the eyes of fancy only.

A figure clothed in fantastic drapery of light color moved slowly across the lawn. One hand bore a lamp, and the light of it made clear what else would have been phantasmal; a small head weighed down with golden hair, a blossom form crouched as if in fear; a pale, sweet face, large wondering eyes; all these were as plain to see as if it had been daylight.

I uttered an exclamation, and started to my feet.

"Look! I cried; "Madame, Mademoiselle Henriette, look! You at least should not miss this sight."

From that moment I could understand the capability of blind men to interpret the passions and gestures of those around them. It was perfectly dark in the salon, yet I knew instinctively and momentarily all the emotion that Madame displayed, and Henriette suppressed. The former drew back, shrinking and praying; but I could feel the daughter's breath come and go, and all the white, silent terror of her face.

The old ladies almost battled for a place near the gentlemen, and were hiding their faces and crossing themselves in company. The gentlemen called Jeannette to bring lights, and stood still. Monsier Goupil fell to the ground, prone and speechless. Monsieur Colin's cigar was not even lifted from his mouth. Momentary though it was, every feature of this scene impressed itself so strongly upon my memory as to be recalled without an effort after the lapse of years—Madame's agony of fear—Henriette's self-imposed calm—the cowardice of the little crowd—my own bewilderment—and the circumstances that recalled us to reality with the charm of magic.

It was the voice and the gesture of Monsieur Colin. He was sitting in the embrasure of the window, and, as I have said, went on smoking during the first shock that had paralyzed us all. A second later, and he leaned a little forward, flung his cigar upon the gravel-path with one hand, and with the other held something poised high above his head in the air.

"*Ma foi!*" he said, coolly; "we want no ghost here."

On the heels of his speech came a click, a flash, a report, and then a bullet whizzed straight and swift across the top of the chestnut grove.

The deed and manner of it would alone have recalled us to our senses, but we were to be recalled in a more enduring and satisfactory way. A low, plaintive cry issued from the darkness—a cry that sent Mons. Goupil and the little chicken feeder across the lawn, crying "Blanche! Blanche!"—a cry that reduced Madame to shame and Henriette to silence—a cry that even Mons. Colin that could not hear unmoved.

It was indeed Blanche, but as her simple father had before said, Blanche, and yet not Blanche. Suffering, cruelty, the deprivation of all she held dear, had gone far to wreck a mind naturally clinging and timid. She was meek and patient and loving, but she could not think or reason or remember.

I removed her at once to a hospital, where she gradually gained mental and bodily health. When she was well enough, I took Félicien to see her, and from that date she recovered.

It was to myself she confided her sad story. Driven from her home, ignorant as to the cause of her lover's silence, fearing the unscrupulous admiration of Monsieur Colin, lacking bread and shelter and love, no wonder body and mind alike broke down. For some weeks, however, she had earned a wretched pittance as a *récelleuse*, going weary rounds to wake weary sleepers when the great world of Paris was still. Partly from an instinctive love of her old home, partly from the desire of seeing her father, she had ventured to the Rue de Buffon, bearing in her hand the lantern by which she guided herself up fifty staircases when on duty.

The rest of the story is told in few words. Félicien shortly recovered, and, with Blanche, took modest apartments near the Café Gouvion St. Cyr. There, by their joint efforts as playwrights and milliner, they maintained themselves and their father in peace, if not in plenty. Monsieur Colin found a plentiful fare, and never married Henriette after all. The Pension in the Rue de Buffon is still an admirable institution where ladies and gentlemen are boarded at twenty-five francs a week.

GOSSIP IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Not an Infernal Machine—Petroleum—A Hanging—Miscellaneous.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1866.

This is not an infernal machine. There is no need to dash the envelope against a pillar or adopt any other precautions about opening it.

I sent Judge FIELD a little Christmas-box a month or so since, but I do not distribute such favors generally. Of course you have heard all the details of the contrivance: a dry-goods box, stuffed full of powder, balls, boot-legs and pieces of the Atlantic Telegraph cable. The wires that the Judge discovered on prying open the lid were some that we pulled during the late election. The motto on the interior has been wrongly reported: "A fair Field and no favors" was what I wrote. The chief cause of my chagrin at the failure of my experiment is the amount of money which I have lost by it. To send a dry-goods box through by the United States mail requires a good many postage stamps, and the box was plastered over with them. Not to be defeated I have made another attempt on the Judge's life, and this time, I think, will fetch him. I have shipped him a case of California champagne. If that does not kill him, nothing will. I drank a single glass of it a week ago and have felt like a disembodied spirit ever since.

How many judges we have sent you lately—FIELD, LAKE and PARSONS. Most of them are good judges of liquor, and the latter is an excellent judge of petroleum. He has got a dozen companies boring in different parts of the State. In the lower counties the work has been going bravely on for months past, but as yet I believe nothing has been struck but brandy and water. One of the companies expects to be in molasses in a few weeks. I admire the indifference with which our people permit this prospecting for petroleum to be carried on. Experts from your oil regions are scattering over our State and not a finger is raised in remonstrance. There is no law against boring all these holes in the ground, perhaps, but there ought to be. When one cannot cross a lot without dropping into a petroleum hole, the thing is carried a little too far. I was out among the oil-lands the other day, and am pretty well posted on petroleum. If a stink like a thousand tar barrels is an indication of oil, there is no calculating the value of these lands. Never before did I know what "greasy mechanics" meant. Stripped to the buff, these fellows were driving their drills into the very pelvis of the earth, singing the while as cheerily as sailors. "A wet sheet and a flowing well" was the burden of their song. At last accounts they had not got beyond the wet sheets, having struck nothing but water. Still, I feel confident from observations made on the ground, that if they keep on they will strike something else eventually. The Emperor of China will be puzzled when a pick drops through into his palace some day—very likely he'll think we are picking a quarrel with him. If the indefatigable borers keep on, perhaps you will hear of their striking the Isle of Man.

Seriously, this petroleum question is a most important one. A great deal of capital has been invested in different parts of the country in the development of our oil interests, and if nothing comes of it, the money loss will be quite in proportion to the disappointment.

Of the existence of oil here there can be no doubt, for there are whole meadows impregnated with it. If you don't believe this statement, you are at perfect liberty to smell of my boots. And some of the wells are turning out oil, but as yet no flowing one has been reached. That oil will be discovered in large quantities I sincerely hope, for Judge PARSONS is a great friend of mine. If petroleum is found, he will be immensely rich, and able to indulge the generous whim of giving me one or two hundred thousand dollars without feeling it. And if ever a man deserved success, it is the Judge; for he has done an incomparable amount of hard work, scouring the coast over on mule-back, sniffing at holes in the ground, and making excavations with his pen-knife. If our State does indeed become productive of petroleum, PARSONS will generally be regarded as the Moses of the oily Horeb. He is a capital fellow, too, and I advise everybody to cultivate him. Before going East, he gave me an interest in one of his companies called the "Santa Anna." The name is unpromising, for if I remember rightly, the distinguished General from whom it is borrowed was finally left with only one leg to stand on. But the last accounts from the property were eminently favorable. At a depth of only one hundred and fifty feet, a deposit of milk and honey was struck, and thirty feet below a fluid was found which burns freely, keeps the bowels open, and gives an excellent polish to the boots. This is the only great strike that has yet been made, if we accept a strike among the laborers of an adjoining company.

Speaking of strikes, have you yet heard of the *White Swallow* case? How the sailors of that ship, in sheer self-defence, rose and took the command out from the hands in which it was vested, putting the officers in irons? Afterward they restored the ship to the officers on the promise of these latter to behave decently and refrain from the maltreatment which had provoked the demonstration. It was also agreed that nothing should be said about the affair, but on the arrival of the vessel in this port the sailors were arrested on a charge of mutiny. The case was tried before Judge HOFFMAN, and all evidence went to show that the sailors were most barbarously treated—that their lives, in fact, were endangered. One singular point established was the moderation with which they proceeded, refraining from any violence toward the officers, and not taking a step beyond the accomplishment of their purpose of securing themselves from ill treatment. It was a very delicate case to decide, for manifestly it is dangerous to establish a precedent in favor of a ship's crew rising and taking possession of a vessel under any circumstances. But Judge HOFFMAN's charge to the jury was clear and explicit. He instructed them that they had nothing whatever to do with the consequences; that if satisfied that on this occasion the sailors acted in self-defence, they must find a verdict accordingly. This being pretty fully established by the evidence, the verdict was not guilty. Of course, shipowners will tremble a little at the result of the trial, and evil may be apprehended: but no jury in the light of such evidence could declare the sailors guilty. It was argued that the result of a verdict of acquittal would be to breed mutinies and insubordination at sea, and that other crews on the slightest pretext would rise and seize ships. But it might quite as well be urged that a man who killed another in self-defence should be hanged, because if he were permitted to go free some man might be encouraged to kill another when there was no justification for the act. On the whole, I rather fancy that this one *White Swallow* will make a summer for sailors, and that officers for the future will hesitate before driving their men to avail themselves of the balance of power which really lies in their hands.

On the whole, I'm rather glad of this female emigration. Send as many ship-loads of women out here as you please—provided they are passably good-looking. BOWLES, who bowls across the continent at us, complains that we have not women enough, and that what we have are scarcely worth having. I'm rather afraid he didn't come across the Continent in his researches. Some one told him that "this is the cussedest place for women," and with that impression upon his mind he seems to have gone away. I'm sorry for this, because I really like our women very much. Taken all in all, I think they dress better and step higher than any other women in the world, and they are amazingly pretty. Of very many of them it may well be said, too fair for earth, and yet they're on it.

BOWERS, by the way, has made quite a good book about us. Clearly enough he had his eyes about him all the time he was here, and the wool could not be pulled over them—though the Woolen Mills did present him with a suit of clothes from cloth of native manufacture. COLFAX, BROOS, RICHARDSON, (is it A. D. or A. B. C. D. RICHARDSON?) each of them was presented with a like gray suit. My word for it, "our distinguished guests" fared well while they were here. Deacon BROOS was kept in the very seventh heaven of his element all the while, making speeches from morning till night. He addressed Sunday-schools, deaf and dumb asylums, Magdalen asylums, political meetings—all was fish that came to his net. COLFAX made a few speeches, too, and RICHARDSON, once in a while, was persuaded to "shoot off his mouth;" the phrase is a local one, and do you like it? BOWLES was the silent fellow of the party. Perhaps he intended it should be said of him—to slightly change a line from Owen Meredith:

They were pedants who could speak,
Grander *Bowles* have passed unheard.

Like the Irishman's owl, though, if he didn't say much, he kept up a devil of a thinking, and took a good many notes, which he has printed. What he didn't say he heard—and s

LAW REPORTS.

HABEAS CORPUS AND CERTIORARI.

Criminals and their Lawyers—Applications to Court for Release of Offenders—A Part of Criminal Law Practice—Time Consumed by Our Courts and Law Officers in Dealing with the Disturbing Elements of Society.

There is a class of law business done in this City in connection with criminals, which does not tend to diminish crime, but rather to enlarge it, and yet it has a bearing upon one of the great safeguards of civil liberty—a safeguard which is a blessing to the law and order-loving citizen, but a nuisance, which might be abated, in its application to criminals who are well known as such. The branch of the law business referred to is that of obtaining writs of *habeas corpus* and *certiorari*.

If a respectable person or a person of respectable connections gets into trouble, friends usually offer the best kind of bail for their temporary release, and while the alleged offender is awaiting trial, he is *out* at liberty. There is, however, a large class of well-known thieves in this City who have regular lawyers, "posted" thoroughly in *their* profession, (that of the thieves,) and who are resorted to in time of trouble just as surely as the rivers run to the sea. As soon as an offender against the public peace or property is arrested and locked up, and before the Police have had an opportunity to take him before a magistrate, or it may be after having been before the Police Magistrate, and he is waiting for trial, his confederates who are so fortunate as to keep out of the police clutches, rush to the lawyer, who attends to their particular line of criminal business, and implore him, with an ample fee, to get their friend out "on a habeas." This is, of course, in cases where the prisoner could not find any person to go his bail, or where the bail he has offered is not deemed reliable, even if his life were in peril. There are lawyers who carry in their pockets a good supply of blank writs continually, so as to be ready at a moment's notice to take charge of any case which may occur. There was a time when these writs, if filled out and presented to certain judges at any hour of the day or night, were made returnable forthwith, at any place such judges might elect. In later years this practice has been somewhat improved upon, but the *habeas corpus* and *certiorari* are still used with a freedom which makes a very valuable right of the citizens a very common annoyance.

Some of the cases of the kind referred to, as of persons awaiting trial, which have transpired since the beginning of January, are herewith given. They are as follows:

IN SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 12.

People *vs.* Peter McDade, charged with rescue of a prisoner. Prisoner remanded and writ dismissed.

People *vs.* Wm. Houston, charged with grand larceny, Jan. 15. Prisoner remanded and writ dismissed.

People *vs.* Wm. Davis, charged with vagracy, Jan. 20.

People *vs.* Andrew Hill, charged with assault and battery, Jan. 27.

People *vs.* Wm. Boughton, Joseph Platt and Andrew Parker, charged with rape, January 29.

People *vs.* James Clark and Charles Dugan, charged with receiving stolen goods, Feb. 5.

IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—FEB. 6.

People *vs.* James Finnigan, charged with disorderly conduct.

IN COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER—FEB. 12.

John Eisle, charged with larceny; prisoner remanded and writ dismissed.

People *vs.* James Kiernan, charged with burglary, Feb. 21; writ abandoned.

People *vs.* Ole H. Hobberg, charged with bigamy, Feb. 21; discharged by Court Feb. 26.

People *vs.* John Casas, charged with intent to steal, Feb. 21.

IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—FEBRUARY 21.

People *vs.* James Reilly, charged with disorderly conduct. People *vs.* Thomas Corney, charged with assault and battery, February 21; writ dismissed, and prisoner remanded.

IN SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 7.

People *vs.* Robert Elliott, charged with burglary; writ abandoned and prisoner remanded.

IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—MARCH 7.

People *vs.* George H. Price, for embezzlement. People *vs.* Wilhelmina Williams, disorderly conduct, March 7. People *vs.* Jane Lee, for grand larceny, March 9.

IN SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 12.

The People *vs.* Charles Thomas and William Still, for petit larceny.

IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—MARCH 16.

The People *vs.* James Lee and Mary Lee, for grand larceny.

IN SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 16.

The People *vs.* James W. Tuttle for opening sealed letters; writ dismissed and prisoner remanded. The People *vs.* Anna Youngs, for disorderly conduct, March 17.

IN SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 19.

The People *vs.* John Tally, George Smith and James Adams, for burlary; prisoners remanded and writ dismissed.

People *vs.* John Conners, for larceny, March 20th. People *vs.* Bernard Collins, for grand larceny, March 26th. People *vs.* William Sheehan, for larceny, March 27th. People *vs.* George Havenstrite and Thomas Smith, boys who were charged with stealing 7.30s to the amount of $2,700 from Mr. John Anderson, of Newark, N. J., March 27th. People *vs.* Thomas Stack, Edward Bently and Thomas Macy, for grand larceny, March 27th. People *vs.* Georgina Stevens and Fanny Williams, for vagrancy; prisoners discharged, March 26. People *vs.* Stewart J. Donnelly for petity larceny; prisoner bailed, March 27. People *vs.* Mary Ann Allen, for disorderly conduct, was sent to the Magistrate for bail, March 28. People *vs.* Mary Burns, for disorderly conduct, was sent to the Magistrate for bail, March 28. People *vs.* James A. Appleby, forgery, *habeas corpus* and *certiorari*; writ dismissed and prisoner remanded, March 31. People *vs.* Kate Rogers, for larceny (*habeas corpus*,) March 29.

IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

People *vs.* Sarah Holt and Mary White, for disorderly conduct, (*certiorari*,) April 2.

IN SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

People *vs.* James Turner, for disorderly conduct, (*habeas corpus*,) April 3; prisoner discharged, the return being defective.

IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

People *vs.* Ann Whiting, for disorderly conduct, (*habeas corpus* and *certiorari*,) April 4.

The police reports have already set forth the facts in the cases referred to. The final disposition of the cases cited in the foregoing list is not given only in regard to a few, but the applications which have been made from the beginning of January up to the present time are noted to an extent sufficient for the purpose set forth in the introduction—to show the amount of time and attention bestowed upon the rights, so-called, of the criminal portion of the population of this City.

IMPORTANT SALVAGE CASE.

Difference between Salvage Services rendered by a Corporation and those rendered by an Individual..

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Betts.

The Coast Wrecking Co. vs. *The Steamship Morning Star and her cargo.*—This was a libel for salvage. The *Morning Star* was bound on a voyage from New-Orleans to New-York with a valuable cargo, worth about $140,000, including $60,000 in specie. Early on the morning of July 31, 1863, the wind being light and the sea smooth, but the atmosphere being misty and obscure, she grounded on the coast of New-Jersey, near Deal Beach. The ship with out her cargo was valued at about $150,000. She went on the beach with so much force as to be unable to get off without help. The libelants are a corporation incorporated by the laws of the State of New-York, having authority by their charter to hire or own vessels manned and equipped, to be employed in towing, aiding, protecting and raising vessels and their cargoes wrecked or in distress, wherever such wreck or distress occur, and to receive compensation or salvage therefor in like manner as private persons, and entitled to like liens and remedies.

The location of their business was in New-York City, between 30 and 40 miles from the place of the wreck of the *Morning Star*, but in familiar communication with the cruising localities of the vicinage. Their business was conducted exclusively by vessels, equipments and materials paid for out of the corporate funds, and the officers and crew on board those vessels did not participate personally in losses or gains springing out of their employment, but received payment *in solido* out of the funds of the Corporation, as in ordinary cases of hiring. An agent of the libelants learning of the grounding of the steamship, applied to the master to employ the libelants to get her off. Other applications to the like effect were made by other parties. About noon of the same day, Mr. Merritt, another agent of the libelants, called upon Mr. Hubbard, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Company which owned the ship, at their office in New-York, and solicited the employment of the libelants to get her off, giving the strongest assurances of their ability and readiness to perform the work promptly. Mr. Hubbard made some inquiries of other parties as to the sufficiency of the libelants. He testified that he had inquired of Merritt what would be the cost of sending down the relief vessels, and that Merritt told him that he could not tell the cost, but the President of the Company could tell him, and that accordingly he went to the libelants' office, where he saw the President, or some officer having charge, who told him it would cost $2,000 or $2,500, and assured him that they had every apparatus for doing the work quickly and well, &c. Mr. Merritt and the President of the libelant's company both testified that they had no recollection of these conversations of which Mr. Hubbard testified. On Mr. Hubbard's return from making his inquiries he gave to Merritt a letter of introduction to the Captain of the vessel, informing him that the libelants had been employed to get the vessel off.

Mr. Merritt accordingly, after dispatching two schooners with heavy anchors and cables to the place, went himself overland, arriving at the wreck about dark and delivered his letter to the Captain. The passengers and crew had all landed and the $60,000 specie, which latter Mr. Merritt advised the Captain at once to send to the City by express, and this the Captain did. The schooner, arrived during the night, and the next morning the work was commenced, the officers and crew of the *Morning Star* aiding with all their power, and on the next morning the vessel was got off, and being found to have sustained no serious injury, got up steam and came up to the City by her own power. The libelants claimed salvage for services, claiming $15,000.

By the Court—As to the question whether any rule of compensation was agreed to Mr. Hubbard, the positive testimony of one witness to the transaction must outweigh as proof in the cause the non-recollection of the libelants' witnesses only alleging their want of any recollection of the fact. Moreover, there is an inherent probability in the circumstances that Mr. Hubbard's testimony is entitled to credit in the relation he gives of his interview with the agents of the libelants. They, in all their treating for the employment of their instrumentalities on the part of the *Morning Star*, descanted earnestly upon the special adaptation of the libelants' equipments for that particular service. Their agent had, moreover, visited the *Morning Star* after she grounded; they knew her position well, and the description and quantity of labor which would be required for her relief; the nature of the coast, the tides and currents running there, and they were strenuous suitors for the employment. It would in such case be most natural and apt that the owners of the ship would inquire of the suitors for the job what would be the expense charged for the undertaking; and equally probable that the libelants would be not less prompt to furnish an answer to the inquiry. And it is to be remarked that no evidence has been produced in court, after a sharp litigation in the premises, to demonstrate that $2,000 or $2,500 was not an adequate compensation for the services actually rendered by the libelants. In addition to those considerations, the claimants furnished gratuitously their entire ship, officers, crew and equipments to the libelants, in aid of the wrecking operations, during the whole period of the work was in progress. It is furthermore a circumstance of weight, evincing that the alleged salvors did not regard their services as purely of a salvage nature, that they, on arrival at the beach with the vessels to commence their work upon the wreck, advised the master of the *Morning Star* to send by the Express Company to New-York the $60,000 of specie, part of the cargo of the wreck, to avoid the danger of its loss if remaining with the ship, which would be a very unusual proceeding if the libelants regarded their operations to be a *salvage* of the ship and cargo. I am persuaded accordingly that the undertaking in its inception, as manifested by the conduct and intercourse between the parties, was upon the understanding that the compensation for the services so be rendered was upon the basis of a *quantum meruit*, under a limitation that the reward was not expected to exceed $2,500. It is quite competent for parties interested to agree upon a stipulated sum, as a salvage reward for salvage services. (Marvin, Wreck and Salvage, 128, sec. 119.) The agreed compensation is binding upon the salvors, and remains salvage, although limited to an amount agreed and stipulated between the parties. When an agreement is to perform labor upon a vessel in distress for a compensation to be paid at all events, whether the vessel be relieved thereby from peril or not, such agreement displaces a claim for salvage purely. (The Whitaker-Sprague's Decisions, 282) and a *quantum meruit* is recoverable for the services. In that position of the arrangement the libelants, had their efforts to save the vessel been fruitless, would not have lost their labors and expenditures, but could have resorted to the equity of the proposition made by them to the claimants, and accepted by them, to recover the reasonable worth of the labor and disbursements made by them on the business. The corresponding acts of the parties were in fair accord with such reasonable meaning. The several parties made in this relation. The libelants several parties made in this relation. The libelants boarded visited the stranded ship, made themselves acquainted with her exact condition by inspection, and through their business calling and pursuit, fully understood the character and degree of help she needed, and requested to be employed in performing the service. The claimants asked what would be the costs of the work, and the libelants replied from $2,000 to $2,500. Upon that answer the claimants immediately placed the ship in the hands of the libelants' agent, who performed the job without loss or accident in a few hours' labor in the daytime, after he had reached the ship. These contracting parties, personally wholly strangers to each other, as it seems, transacted the business treated about in the most direct and summary manner; very much, I apprehend, as if it was regarded between them to be a direct bargain, consensively closed by the few words interchanged between them at the time of the interview; no difference of relations between them being contemplated after the ship was so placed in charge of the libelants, until their services were finished, and I consider that their rights toward each are now precisely as they would have been had the libelants literally fulfilled their agreement by going to the wreck at the time stipulated, and performed what they represented they would do (and actually did, two days after ward,) fastened their towing apparatus to the stranded vessel and drawn her harmless off the bank where she lay grounded. I consider therefore (as it appears by the proof,) that the vessel was placed by the claimants in charge of the libelants, and was accepted by the latter on a settlement, for labor to be performed by the latter, and thus consummating the contract *in present* by mutual delivery and acceptance between the agents of the respective parties. The libelants insist that the property being then in a state of wreck went into their possession in that condition and was held by them under obligation of her owners implied by law, that the libelants should be recompensed for its rescue and restoration conformably to the principle recognized and enforced in cases of salvage at sea. On the contrary the claimants maintain that the libelants together with others were suitors for the same job and that it was notorious at the place of the disaster that the matter of furnishing relief to the steamer aground was subject of pursuit and solicitation between different applicants, and that the business had been allotted to the libelants. But I am not called upon to declare that the negotiation on the subject between the agents of the parties resulted in a formal contract which was capable, in case of any failure of either to carry it into execution not proceeding from his fault, of being pleaded and enforced as absolute against the other; nor but that, in case the fulfillment of the arrangement on either side had been prevented by inevitable accident, the Court might not administer the engagement as equitably one of a *quantum meruit* character, and afford relief to the libelants in proportion to the benefit bestowed by their labors and judicious conduct in the undertaking, though ultimately fruitless in its results. This would be quite compatible with the arrangement preliminarily adopted between the parties, considering it not regarded by either as absolutely of a salvage character. Then the interpretation of the proposition made by the libelant's agents to the agent of the claimants, and accepted by the latter to pay $2,000 expenses for services to be rendered and up to $2,500 if so much was earned, would enable the Court to secure each one a reasonable remuneration out of the enterprise, and take from it the hazard of a total loss of labor and expenditures thereon because of a failure of complete success in the whole undertaking. The conduct of the libelants during the transaction indicates they did not regard their standing therein to be that of technical salvors; they accepted the injured steamer, her master, officers, crew, equipments, apparatus, engines, &c., as gratuitously contributed to the common service; they assented to, and, indeed, advised, that the claimants, before the forces provided for relief of the stranded ship commenced operations upon her, should take from her the $60,000 part of her lading on board, and send it from the place of the wreck by the express company to New-York, which proceeding very little comported with a consciousness of holding the right of an inchoate salvor upon that value of cargo on the ship at the time of her wreck; and so also did the fact that the relieving vessels, the moment she had drawn off the *Morning Star* from the sand bank, and her fires could be lighted and steam raised, delivered the ship over to her Captain and crew, by whom she was navigated to her own berth at the New-York docks. The counsel for the libelants urge most strenuously the great value and cost of the salvor vessel and her equipments and appliances employed by them in the services rendered on the occasion in question, as a particular ingredient entering into the augmentation of the recompense to which the libelants are entitled, under the rules of evidence governing allowances to salvors by admiralty tribunals. That principle has been invoked as pervading and largely influential in favor of suitors throughout the administration of salvage laws in European and American law, emphatically in encouragement of the modern practice, followed by these libelants, of putting in use vessels and crews of large and expensive completeness and fitness for the special business of saving vessels and cargoes, by giving them open countenance through a distinctive grant of extra compensation, because of the remarkable completeness of their apparatus and ship's crew, and their energy and faithful conduct in perfecting the salvage of the *Morning Star*. They thus ask to have imputed and appropriated to this corporation, by the way of enhanced rewards imposed upon the wrecked, all moral and physical merits and personal gallantry and hazard, recognized in the books as justifiable causes for inflamed compensation to individual salvors for services of high value and personal merit and hazard on special exigencies. But I perceive no legal reason or justification for applying the rule referred to, however sanctioned in respect to individual salvors in cases of personal exposure of life or property, to corporate bodies having alone figurative vitality imparted by positive law, and giving aid only on fixed wages. However much of commendable worth and heroism may have been displayed in fulfilling their stated services, the actors therein, on fixed wages, however faithful to their duties would not be entitled in distribution out of the gratuities asked for from the judgment of the Court to one tittle of reward personally, but the bounty must be exclusively allotted to the corporators typified by positive law to be actual owners and actors in the transaction, and be imbued with the sentiments and emotions of the liveliest humanity, but in reality actuated by no higher or other merit in acts of a salvage character than the fire insurer is on paying up his forfeited policy of insurance.

Subordinate courts of admiralty jurisdiction will be apt to await the declaration of such rules of decision by tribunals of ultimate authority before pronouncing such to be the established law of salvage recompense, in respect to the distributive rate of reward to the owners of property used in effecting a salvage service. It can scarcely be assumed as a presumption of law that stock shares of a corporate body are imbued with faculties and emotions moral or intellectual of a higher order than the inert material whose value they represent by positive statute in a distributional dividend. In my opinion, had the engagement between the parties in this case been, as alleged in the libel, an open contract for salvage services, the measure of compensation to be distributed to the libelants would be none other than the proportion legally pertaining to the property put in hazard by the service; and no fiction of law can be invoked vivifying the symbolical corporation into an assemblage of vital salvors, exercising the emotions and faculties of living men, consummating a meritorious salvage achievement, and thus becoming individually entitled to a fitting reward therefor. My conclusion upon the whole case is, that the employment of the vessel, her crew and apparatus, was in the first instance obtained by the importunity of the libelants for their own pecuniary interest, and with the same knowledge in all particulars, respecting the subject of negotiation, as was possessed by the claimants. That the services proposed to be performed by the libelants were for a consideration limited to $2,500; and if upon equitable considerations, or on subsequent alterations of facts in relation to the subject of the bargain, great changes had occurred in the nature of the services to be performed, rendering it onerous and inequitable for the claimants to enforce such limitation of the sum to be paid to the libelants, yet there is no proof given in the cause showing that any such alteration did afterwards occur, or that the libelants are entitled to more for their labors and hazards than the sum upon which they were offered and undertaken.

Wherefore a decree must be entered for the libelants for $2,500, with interest from August 3d, 1863, and costs of suit. The interest and costs of suit might have been barred by the claimants had they tendered satisfaction of the bargain at the price upon which it was undertaken by the libelants.

For libellants, Mr. Hand and Judge Marvin. For claimants, Messrs. Benedict, Tracy & Benedict.

The Alleged Bounty Fraud Affair in Jersey City.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—MARCH 13.

Before Judge Fields.

The United States vs. *Peter Riley and others.*—GENTLEMEN: I am prepared to deliver an opinion in the case of the United States *vs.* Peter Riley and others.

This indictment is founded upon the seventeenth section of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1865, entitled "An act to amend the several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes." This section provides, among other things, "that any recruiting agent, substitute broker, or other person, who shall defraud or illegally deprive any volunteer or substitute of any portion of the State, local or United States bounty to which he may be entitled," shall, upon conviction, be subject to fine and imprisonment.

The indictment charges that one John McCarty was a volunteer, duly enlisted into the military service of the United States, and credited to Jersey City, in the State of New-Jersey, and that the defendants defrauded and illegally deprived him of the local bounty of Jersey City, to which he was entitled.

To this indictment Peter Riley, one of the defendants, has put in a special plea containing two averments; the first is, that the said John McCarty, at the time when he enlisted into the military service of the United States, as alleged in the indictment, was an actual resident of the City, County and State of New-York, and not a resident of the State of New-Jersey; the second averment is that there is no credit allowed by the United States or any other thereof, authorized to allow credit for the said McCarty as a recruit or volunteer on the quota of Jersey City. The plea goes on to allege that there was at the time of McCarty's alleged enlistment an order from James B. Fry, Provost-Marshal-General, addressed to Capt. Mills, Provost Marshal, at Newark, in the State of New-Jersey, directing him, until otherwise ordered, to allow credits for such men as Brevet Lieut.-Col. G. Ilgis certified to said Capt. Mills as credited by said Ilgis; that on the 14th day of March, 1865, the said Ilgis sent to said Capt. Mills certificates of muster of one hundred and sixty-eight recruits, which said Ilgis alleged had been credited to Jersey City; that afterward and before the 12th day of April then next ensuing, the said James B. Fry, Provost-Marshal-General, disallowed the credit of said one hundred and sixty-eight men, the said McCarty being one of the number; that on the 22d day of January, 1866, Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War of the United States, made an order revoking the said disallowance, and allowing the credit for the said one hundred and sixty-eight men to Jersey City, which said order continued in the following condition: "Provided, nevertheless, that this order shall not inure to the benefit of said 168 recruits, or either of them who may have been deserters, or not entitled to enlist, and shall not entitle them to any claim of pay or bounty, and they shall remain liable to any prosecution or penalty for fraud, desertion, or violation of law, in the same manner as if the allowance of credit had not been made." And the foregoing orders were all that were made in regard to said credit.

To this plea the District Attorney answers, thereby admitting, for the purpose of this argument, the truth of the averments therein contained.

The question, therefore, and the only question which I am called upon to decide is, whether the facts set forth in the plea, admitting them to be true, are a good defence to this indictment. The case lies within a very narrow compass.

By the fourteenth section of the act under which the indictment is framed, it is, amongst other things, provided "that hereafter all persons mustered into the military or naval service, whether as volunteers, substitutes, representatives or otherwise, shall be credited to the State and to the Congressional Township, Precinct, or other enrollment sub-district where such persons belong by actual residence, (if such persons have an actual residence within the United States,) and where such persons were or shall be enrolled if liable to enrollment." The object of this provision is declared to be to the end that "fair and just credit shall be given to every section of the country." It was designed to prevent an evil which formerly prevailed, by which, under the temptation of high bounties, one district was liable to be drained of its enrolled and able-bodied men to swell the quota of another district.

Now the plea alleges that John McCarty, at the time of his enlistment, was an actual resident of the City of New-York, and not a resident of the State of New-Jersey. If so, then by the express terms of the act he could not properly be credited to Jersey City. And if he could be credited to Jersey City, he was not entitled to the bounty there, for the very object of that bounty was to obtain recruits with which Jersey City could be credited. If, then, McCarty was not entitled to this bounty, how can the defendants be guilty of the offence with which they stand charged in the indictment, which is that of defrauding a volunteer of the bounty to which he is entitled? They may have been guilty of some other offence; they may have defrauded somebody else; but they certainly did not defraud John McCarty of any bounty to which he was entitled. This is so clear as to need no further argument.

It is said by the District-Attorney that this fourteenth section of the act is only directory to the recruiting officer, and that it does not prevent the recruit himself from enlisting whenever he pleases; but it does prevent him from being credited to, and consequently from claiming the bounty offered by any State, township, or precinct, where he does not belong by actual residence. But, again, it is said that McCarty may have been an alien or a minor, and that an alien or minor may properly be credited wherever he chooses to enlist.

This, I suppose, proceeds upon the idea that aliens and minors cannot be said to have any actual residence anywhere. The qualifying language of the fourteenth section, "if such persons have an actual residence within the United States," seems to imply that there may be persons who have no actual residence in any State. But if it be true that aliens and minors cannot have an actual residence, then McCarty cannot have been either an alien or a minor, for the plea alleges that he was an actual resident of the city, county and State of New-York. But it is not true in any general sense of the term. An alien who steps on shore from an emigrant ship may not have any actual residence. The country is all before him where to choose his place of residence. But when he has made that choice he is as much a resident of that place as if he had been native-born. Still less can it be said of minors that they have no actual residence; their residence is always that of their parents, unless they have acquired a new one for themselves.

But the point most insisted upon by the District Attorney, is that McCarty was actually credited to Jersey City, and, therefore, whether rightly or wrongly credited, was entitled to his bounty. But the plea alleges that although McCarty was first credited to Jersey City by the recruiting officer, yet that credit was disallowed by the Provost-Marshal-General shortly afterwards, and that it was not until the 22d day of January last that this disallowance was revoked by the Secretary of War, and credit ordered to be given to Jersey City; and this order of the Secretary of War contained a proviso, that it should not inure to the benefit of any of the recruits embraced within it, or entitle them to any claim for pay or bounty.

Such being the admitted state of the case, I think it may be fairly presumed that when, in the first instance, the recruiting officer allowed the credit to Jersey City for these men, he was not aware of the fact that they resided out of the State of New-Jersey; and when this fact was brought to the knowledge of the Provost-Marshal-General, the credit was disallowed for that very reason, and the order of the Secretary of War revoking the disallowance was made, not because Jersey City was entitled to the credit, but upon the ground that, having acted in good faith, and paid her money to obtain recruits for the Government, and the war being now over, and there being no further necessities for their services, it was but right and fair that she should be made to bear the loss occasioned by the fraudulent conduct of others, over whom she had no control, and for whose acts she was not responsible. Even if the credit originally given to Jersey City had never been disallowed, I do not see very clearly how it would have entitled McCarty to any bounty, for it would have been improperly given; it would have been in express violation of law. But the fact that it was once disallowed, and that this disallowance was only revoked upon condition that the order of revocation should not inure to the benefit of the recruits, or entitle them to any claim for bounty, relieves this part of the case from all doubt or difficulty.

I am clearly of opinion that the plea is good and that the demurrer must be overruled.

I cannot close this case without adverting for a moment to the peculiar and extraordinary circumstances of the transaction, out of which have grown, not only this indictment, but a large number of others of a similar nature now pending. They were brought to my knowledge by a motion made to discharge the defendants, upon which it became my duty to review the proceedings had before the Commissioner who took the examinations. I am aware that these proceedings were *ex parte*, and that all rebutting evidence was very properly overruled. But from the evidence exhibited it certainly did appear that a most astounding fraud had been committed. One hundred and twenty thousand dollars were received by these defendants, or some of them, for the purpose of obtaining recruits for Jersey City and yet, from all that appeared, not one dollar of this money had been paid to the recruits or refunded to Jersey City. But this is not the Court where frauds of this character are to be punished. It is a court of limited jurisdiction. It has no jurisdiction over offences of common law. It has no jurisdiction over offences defined by act of Congress. But unfortunately for many of these offences is of such a character as to meet the peculiar circumstances of this case. The Courts of the State, however, are open. Their jurisdiction is ample. If there has been a conspiracy to defraud—if money has been obtained by false pretences, the courts can give redress for such wrongs; they can meet out the punishment which such offences deserve. Unless the recruit has been defrauded of his bounty to which he was by law entitled, this court is powerless; and if wrong has been done in this case, it has been not to the recruit but to others.

Mutiny on board Ship—A Sailor Tries to Scuttle a Ship on the High Seas.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Betts.

Eight sailors were arrested and taken before Commissioner Betts yesterday, on the complaint of the Captain of the bark *Harriet*, charged with having mutinied on the high seas while the vessel was on her way from Liverpool to this port. The evidence so far, indicates an almost criminal carelessness in the discipline of the crew. The examination was adjourned till Tuesday.

Before Commissioner Osborn.

John Rosser, an enterprising person, whose industry does not appear to have been properly appreciated by the officers of the ship on board which he was a sailor, was arrested yesterday, and taken before Commissioner Osborne, on the complaint of Capt. George W. Pike, of the ship *Charles Sprague*, who charges him with attempting to scuttle the said ship while on the high seas, on her voyage from Newport (Wales) to this port. It appears that in the month of February, shortly after the ship set sail from Newport, the prisoner became possessed of the knowledge that the ship might sink if a hole or holes were bored in the bottom, and thereupon consented to try the experiment; that he obtained an auger with which he bored several holes in the bottom of the ship, but failed in his attempt to scuttle it.

The examination in this case was adjourned till Tuesday.

The Meteor Case.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Before Judge Betts.

The *Meteor* case was continued yesterday, Leonard W. Jerome being the only witness examined. His testimony merely went to show that he was intimately acquainted with the Chilian Minister at Washington; that he had on one occasion invited him on board the *Meteor*, and that the Minister had examined the vessel with a view to deciding whether or not she might be of any service to the Government of Chili.

Capt. E. B. Forbes being recalled, testified that the *Meteor* could make the passage between New-York and Chili in from sixty to seventy days.

Hon. Mr. Courtney, on behalf of the Government, rested the case, asking only that the Court grant permission for the examination of some of the witnesses who had already testified on one or two points desirable to be covered. This was granted.

The case was then adjourned till to-morrow (Monday) at 10 o'clock, when Mr. Evarts will open for the defence.

Letters of Administration Granted.

SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Surrogate Tuster.

Letters of Administration have been granted, during the past week, upon the estates of the following named persons deceased: Bernard McKenna, Chas. Stephenson, Thomas McCoy, Frederick Segelken, Edward Delain, Morris Lyons, Samuel Rotaling, Jane Wardell, late of Morristown, N. J.; Daniel C. Kingsland, Jr., Solomon Mendelsom, William Heron, late of Hackensack, Bergen County, N. J.; George Arensted, Joseph Koch, Frederick Wiesmann, James Martin, James Fowley, Catharine Heitz, Thos. Kennedy, Jr., Mary Ann McDonald, late of the State of Pennsylvania; Anna C. Wagner, Richard M. Bolles, Wm. Brophy, David Duncan, James McKeon, Richard Kelly, Catharine McCue, otherwise Catharine Kivlochan, Edward N. Shaw, Stephen Benson, John Olmsted, Caroline Claber, Peter Van Storm, John White, George Montag, Stephen A. Kent, Lydia Ann Ellis, Henry Krauser, Catharine Dillon, George W. Stewart, Anne Oxer, James H. Hutchins, and George Wood.

GUARDIANS APPOINTED.

Lucilda Forshay, John H. Bogart, John W. Bennett, Mary E. Benson, Mary Gerraity, Michael Halloran, and Albert D. Richardson.

Decisions.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—APRIL 7.

By Justice Monell.

Solon F. Goodways et al. vs. the National Fire Insurance Company; motion granted. James Cooley et al. vs. John Pfeiffer; motion denied, with $10 costs. Hanna Schwartz by her guardian, &c., vs. Sharetszki; motion granted and guardian appointed. Elizabeth B. Cason et al. vs. Simon Guiterman et al.; motion granted without costs.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—APRIL 7.

By Judge Brady.

Bildad Barney vs. John S. Henry; motion for new trial on the minutes denied, but without costs. J. G. Gottsberger vs. Michael Brophy; motion denied without costs.

Court of General Sessions.

Before Recorder Hackett.

CALENDAR FOR MONDAY, APRIL 9.

The People *vs.* John Casey, forgery.
The People *vs.* Charles Brumbridge Smith, libel.
The People *vs.* Lathrop C. Ormsby, grand larceny.
The People *vs.* George Lowden, grand larceny from person.
The People *vs.* George Gardner, grand larceny.
The People *vs.* Clara Murrell and Sarah Hutchins, grand larceny.
The People *vs.* Mary Geraghty, grand larceny.
The People *vs.* Richard Manahan, assault and battery.
The People *vs.* Frank Curran, assault and battery.
The People *vs.* William Smith, larceny from person.
The People *vs.* William Bowers, grand larceny.
The People *vs.* James Daley and Daniel Mancux, assault and battery.

Court of Special Sessions.

Before Justices Kelly and Dowling.

HARD ON OUR LEGISLATURE.

Rheinhard G. Stien, a resident of Staten Island, was charged with a violation of the quarantine laws—a law in particular that was enacted last year at Albany, which prohibits the boarding of vessels at Quarantine, or after leaving Quarantine while coming to the City. Counsel for Mr. Stien moved to send the case to the General Sessions. Mr. Spencer, counsel for the defendant, said they would not deny the facts, and as the issues that would be raised were purely questions of law he thought the case should go to the General Sessions, where they would have plenty of time to discuss the matter at length. It was the first case of the kind that had come before the Court, and he thought it best to have a discussion on the constitutionality of the law in a Court that had leisure to hear the argument. The Special Sessions would on the fact have to find a verdict of guilty, but as his client could prove himself one of the consignees, the question was whether being a consignee he had a right to go on board of the ship.

After some discussion between Mr. Spencer, Mr. Johnson for the Quarantine Commissioners, and Judge KELLY, the case was transferred to the General Sessions.

AN UNHAPPY COUPLE.

William Nichols, proprietor of a restaurant on Hudson-street was charged with violently assaulting his wife Edna. There appeared to be some disparity between the ages of the two, or it may be that sickness has given premature age to the woman, and when counsel remarked that it was the old story of June and January married, the Court the old story of June and January married, the Court the old story of June and January married, the Court

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, the following bills were passed: To provide for the early and equitable distribution of the Safety Fund; incorporating the Journeymen's Blank-book Binding Benevolent Association of New-York; incorporating the Citizens' Mutual Gaslight Company of Brooklyn; providing for the erection of a public market in New-York; amending the act for the widening of Broadway, New-York, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-ninth streets. The bill to increase the salaries of members of the Metropolitan Police was ordered to a third reading; also the bill for the improvement of the Broadway pavement from the Battery to Fourteenth-street, New-York.

In the Assembly, the morning session was occupied in the consideration of the Annual Supply Bill and the State Charity Bill. They were both ordered to a third reading.

GENERAL NEWS.

A convention of the colored people of Georgia was held at Augusta on the 4th inst., each county sending a delegate. The design of the meeting was to investigate the condition and forward the interests of the freedmen of the State of Georgia, and to instil into the minds of the freedmen of the other States a disposition to the organization of similar institutions. There was an earnest call on all the friends of equal rights and justice to assist them in all their philanthropic enterprises, and to render aid in maintaining their schools and newspapers. A colored man was appointed to go to Washington to advocate their rights and see justice done in their behalf.

Friday was a docket-clearing day in the State Assembly. The bill providing for a permanent Quarantine establishment for the port of New-York, was passed—88 to 3; the Hudson River ($150,000) improvement—yeas 78, nays 30; Niagara Ship Canal—85 to 31; Assembly apportionment, 77 to 30; Senate apportionment, 69 to 32; New-York Central Fare Increase, 78 to 48; the City Railroads—Christopher and other streets, 80 to 42; Cortlandt, Dey and other streets, 79 to 36; East Broadway and Grand-street extension, 71 to 29; Lexington-avenue and Broadway, 70 to 50; Broadway Elevated, 74 to 41.

The General Term of the Supreme Court of this State, held in Rochester last month, made an important decision in the case of BRUCE & MUMFORD against the United States Telegraph Company. The suit was brought to recover damages for an error committed in the transmission of a telegraphic dispatch. The defendants claimed that they were not responsible for the error, for the reason that their office blanks contain a stipulation that dispatches shall be repeated before the Company can become liable. The Court ruled that this was a good defence, giving judgment for defendants.

The National Treasury disbursements on account of the War and Navy Departments for the quarter ending 31st March, were as follows: War Department for January, $25,251,936; February, $15,401,-995; March, $8,608,981. Navy Department for January, $3,547,656; February, $3,032,006; March, $4,583,044—making the total for both War and Navy Departments, during the quarter, $60,425,618, or only $671,311 a day. The increase in the navy expenses for March was occasioned by large remittances abroad for the use of vessels on foreign stations.

The Committee of Ways and Means are holding two sessions a day on the Internal Revenue bill. The aggregate of reductions will reach about sixty millions. The committee has resolved to report in favor of the repeal of all internal taxes on paper, books, types, ink, and whatever enters into the manufacture of books and newspapers, but this does not include the duties on foreign paper or bleaching powders, as the revision of the tariff has not yet been entered upon by the committee.

The Mobile *Register* puts at the head of its columns the name of the rebel Commander-in-Chief, ROBERT E. LEE, as a candidate for President of the United States in the canvass of 1868, and remarks that there is a concerted organisation now in progress to put forward "the model hero of the Confederacy" as "the State Rights Democratic candidate" in the next campaign.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference now in session at New-Orleans, has accepted an invitation from the Methodists in this City to unite to-day with them and the denomination generally in their public and private devotions. It is hoped that this may prove an initiatory step toward a speedy restoration of Christian confidence and ecclesiastical union.

A special from Milwaukee to the Chicago *Journal* says that in Greene County, Wis., the damage done by the late freshet is incalculable. The Wisconsin River is filled with remnants of bridges, outhouses, pig-pens, dead hogs, sheep and cattle. All the bridges on Honey Creek are gone. The timber-yards are flooded and lumber carried down the river.

One-fourth of the persons just appointed to take charge of the twenty-four post-offices reopened in North Carolina and Virginia are women. Two of the women previously appointed could not take the oath.

Five steamers were burned at St. Louis, yesterday, involving a loss of over $500,000. The boats belonged to the North American Fur Company, and were heavily laden with supplies for their trading posts.

The steamtug *C. H. Haynes*, of Troy, N. Y., exploded her boiler yesterday. Five lives were lost, including the captain, C. H. HAYNES, of West Troy. The boat instantly sunk.

The Charleston *Courier* states that 3,200 freedmen have left North Carolina since Jan. 1 to work in New-England on contract at $20 per month, and that more will follow.

Hon. HENRY A. WISE, whose parole confined him to one of the military departments of Virginia, has been given a permit by Gen. GRANT to visit any part of the United States.

ALEXANDER W. POWELL, one of the Erie Railway freight robbers, who escaped from the Elmira Jail not long since, has been recaptured in Indiana.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has passed an act disfranchising all belonging in that State who deserted from the army or navy during the late war, and for the punishment of inspectors who, knowing them to have been deserters, allow their names to go upon the voting lists.

We learn from New-Orleans that Gen. SCOTT has left that port for New-York. His health has been improved by his trip.

Capt. RAPHAEL SEMMES has been released on his original parole under the Johnston-Sherman Convention, under an order issued by the President.

LOCAL NEWS.

Two members of the Legislative Committee, appointed to inquire into quarantine matters in the bay, arrived here yesterday, and, in company with several of the Board of Health and the staff of quarantine officers, went on board the boat of the Harbor Police. Having steamed around the monitor *Miantonomo*, the party proceeded to the quarantine buildings, Staten Island, and from thence to the Hospital ship in Gowanus Bay. It was intended to go down the lower bay to visit the proposed site of the projected quarantine building at West Bank, but the day grew exceedingly gloomy, and the rain began to fall so that the visit to this point had to be postponed.

About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the piano manufactory of Mr. LARS ISELENTZ, Nos. 101, 103 and 105 East Thirty-third-street, which resulted in the total destruction of the entire building and its contents. The aggregate loss on stock, &c., is estimated at $30,000. Insured for $9,000. The damage to the building is about $10,000; insured for $7,500.

GUSTAVUS A. DYERER and his wife, MARY DYERER, better known in certain circles as "Madame BELL," were arrested yesterday on a charge of larceny, in which the loss of a valuable diamond and $75 in United States currency was involved. Justice DOWD, of the Jefferson Market Police Court, committed the accused for examination.

The customs revenue of the Government through the ports of New-York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, during the month of March, amounted to $13,428,828, including $11,159,954 through the single port of New-York.

JOHN ROSSER was taken before Commissioner OSBORN yesterday, charged with attempting to scuttle the ship *Chas. Sprague*, while on her voyage from Newport, Wales, to this port. The examination was adjourned till Tuesday.

Eight sailors were before Commissioner BETTS yesterday, charged with mutiny on board the bark *Harriet* on the high seas. Their examination was adjourned till Tuesday.

Government received on Friday $850,742 from internal revenue, making the total receipts from this source since July 1, 1865, $261,251,170.

The evidence for the Government, in relation to the *Meteor* case is all in, and Mr. EVARTS will open for the defence to-morrow (Monday.)

The President and the Union Party Conciliation.

We are greatly pleased at the manner in which the Press of the country has received the remarks we made a few days ago in favor of Congress adopting a conciliatory course in its difficulty with the President. The President himself showed for a long time a remarkable forbearance, and when at last he boldly met the issues forced upon him, the country felt that his impulses were those of honesty, and his course that of a fearless statesman. His courage and candor were admired even where his views were dissented from; and with grief it was seen that a few men were determined, if possible, to force a rupture between him and the party whose principles he in the main upholds. Our remarks have called out a wide expression of this feeling in the Republican press, and if the honest and sagacious members of Congress will give heed to the voice of the country thus expressed, they will help in averting political and public calamities that will not only cause great detriment to the Union Party, but must work infinite injury to the highest interests of the nation.

The German Question.

If actual wars were not often precipitated by preparations for war there would be less reason to regard the outbreak of a new European contest as almost inevitable. The very magnitude of the struggle, and the complications which it would involve, have often less weight in the minds of the belligerents than the passion for possible aggrandizement, and the fatal love of nations for playing at soldiers. The risks to be run have been far from potent in the guidance of ambitious men, and in the case of European monarchies this has especially been seen. In 1859 an impending war between Italy and Austria was full of such risks, and for a time a Congress might have averted it. But wise counsels were but of temporary avail, and the law of force overcame the dictates of reason. Even now there is mention of British advice; there is menace in the silent attitude of Russia and France; but neither, we fear, will prevent the opening of a new era of violence and bloodshed across the sea.

The Continent of Europe has often been compared to a chess-board, whereon the players are Emperors and Kings. At this distance, we can view this mighty game of chance in something perhaps approaching its true dimensions. We can view the whole board, so to speak, with all the interest of a spectator to whom the trial of skill is indeed intensely interesting, but in whose results we have no stake beyond that involved in our natural regret that the trial should ever be commenced. And as the game is, as we believe, about so to commence, we are irresistibly compelled to note the strength of the contestants.

The central Powers in the contest are Austria and Prussia—the first vitally interested in the preservation of a proud historic name, the second bent upon building up, not an Empire, but a great German nation, whereof Prussia shall be the centre, and to which a number of minor principalities shall be added. The fight for the Duchies was the beginning of this scheme. Prussia desired both Schleswig and Holstein. Austria having aided in their acquisition, demanded a share in the spoil, and thus, while the so-called protectorate of Schleswig fell to Prussia, she instituted that of Holstein—the question of succession need not be alluded to here further than to suggest that the discussions upon it were not the practical points at issue. Now Prussia desires to extend her influence, and demands all for which the war with Denmark was inaugurated.

But while this is the direct issue—that is, the struggle for preponderance between Prussia and Austria—there are several others which enter into the contest, and which cannot be ignored. There are, on the northeast, Russia; on the south, Italy; on the southwest, France—all interested in the struggle; and they all watch the probabilities of a war with intense expectation. Take the position of Italy first. The idea of Italian unity is the leading idea of VICTOR EMANUEL and the Florence Cabinet. That unity supposes two things—the wresting of Venetia from Austria, and the possession of Rome. Both these might be attainable if a war broke out; attainable that is by permission of the Emperor NAPOLEON, and as a consequence of Austrian defeat. Take, then, the real or often supposed wishes of NAPOLEON toward Belgium. An alliance between France and Italy, the latter sending, as it is said she is doing, an army toward the Po, might postpone the acquisition of Belgium as a set-off for the relinquishment of Rome—other Powers standing aloof. Then as to Russia. Austria would like to alone control the Danubian Principalities, and so would she. If a war broke out these regions would be fought for; and indeed Austrian troops are moving toward Galicia already. Russia would in this be aided by the diversion from Northern Italy by VICTOR EMANUEL. All these possibilities depend of course in some measure upon the inclination of other not immediately interested Powers to prevent them. We have seen how thoroughly Great Britain abstained from more than moral suasion in the Danish war. There is no great reason to assume that she would go further now—perhaps a design even upon Belgium would not move her toward intervention. And what other nation is able, if Prussia, Russia and Italy unite for the furtherance of their aims, to say them nay?

The foregoing is a mere glimpse at the meaning, from one point of view, of a war between two great Powers in Europe. There is another point from which the subject may be considered—the silent but watchful condition of the party of progress. It is a great party, existing under many names. In Italy it is the party to whom the name of GARIBALDI is an inspiration, while that of the King is a type of conservatism. In France the Liberals accept but do not worship the Emperor. In Hungary the recollection of KOSSUTH is not more dear than the hopes of his return are intense. In Poland, however Russianized she may have become, the hearts of the people are with their traditions and their language. All these listen with strained ears for every sound that betokens a new tempest of war. And if that war should come, the noise thereof may shake the globe as with the noise of a whirlwind. Meanwhile the world on this side the Atlantic waits with almost breathless interest—"further advices per European steamers."

The Public Immoralities of Paris.

There are certain signs of the decay of a civilization or a dynasty, which should not be disregarded by those who are carefully studying the history of to-day, to gain some knowledge of what will probably be the history of the future.

The accounts which reach us from Paris—especially the letters of individuals who are so circumstanced as to judge—reveal an open disregard of at least the decencies of morality, not to say of the realities, which has been unknown in Paris since the age of the *Pare aux cerfs*.

We hear of a certain singer of the most indecent songs appearing at the houses of the highest functionaries of the Court, and entertaining select audiences of the most fashionable ladies and gentlemen, with effects so extreme in their violation of decency that the *bon mot* of Paris is, that being asked if she gave these in a certain notorious haunt where the worst characters listened to her, she replied, "Oh, no; the police would not permit her!" These low songs and indecent jokes are said to have the run of the Paris *salons*; and all must have observed that at a recent dinner by a certain Marshal to the Emperor, one of the principal features—in degenerate imitation of that classic custom which required a slave with the recital of some heroic ode or exquisite idyl to be present at the feasts of the rich—was the appearance of Mlle. Therèse with her immoral songs and nasty puns. Even the respect which the Emperor has always appeared to pay to the great customs of morality could not prevent his falling in with these vicious currents of the society of his Court. So open has this disregard for a proper decorum become that an orator of the Corps Legislatif, M. JULES FAVRE, known as the leader of the French Liberal Party, and at the head of the Paris bar, in a recent debate, wherein the Government was assailed with a freedom not often witnessed in that body, ventured to speak thus of the influence of the Court on public morals:

"You have doomed the liberty of the theatres, and you do what you like upon the public scene, and what do you do for goodness' sake? You force an honest man to leave this privileged temple, while insulting him somewhat in this style: 'I meant to speak of virtue and devotion, but they are not realities, and I am turned away from the temple which is consecrated to them.' [Cheers and disapprobation.] And what are you doing with the French stage? You have made of it a furnace of libertinism and indecency. You exhibit there shameful nudities. [Murmurs and cries of 'It is true.'] You have a law for hindering children from working in factories, while at the same time you corrupt them in theatres, where they can see the type and the model of degradation and cynicism to the scandal of all honest people. [Commotion.] And you open those *bals masqués* and you say, 'Come, enjoy yourselves, and drink of the cup I offer you.' [Commotion and murmurs.] I can tell you for my part, that France must have a change in such a state of things, and must be left in the enjoyment of her moral liberties."

It is difficult to understand what NAPOLEON can mean by encouraging or permitting such public exhibitions of immorality. He is not at the age in which men sacrifice ambition for possession or pleasure. Whatever he does or allows to be done of this nature must have a cause in some distant and expected political result, or in some influence which he cannot resist. M. FAVRE openly charges the Government with the old sin of despotic authorities of desiring to cause the sense of their loss of liberty among the people to be forgotten in the indulgence of vice. There may be a purpose of this kind in the Court encouragement given to those disgusting displays of a foul imagination. And yet we would naturally suppose that the author of the "Life of Cæsar"—the student of the history of that empire whose decay was first made clear to the world in its public indecencies—would see that in sapping public morality he sapped the French Empire. Not even five hundred thousand bayonets can long support an administration which has defied the instincts of the universal conscience and the outward respect for decency. Even the glory of a great name cannot conceal the blot which such a course must leave on the fame of the French Empire. It will lose caste in Europe.

It may be, on the other hand, that these "shameful indecencies" of which M. FAVRE speaks, are the natural and inevitable flower-fruit of a decaying and corrupt society, which even the Emperor cannot check. It is well known that many low, immoral, disgraceful personages, with false names, have come to the surface of Paris and Court society during the last fifteen years, and have acquired public position and influence. They now lead the Imperial circles and represent the fashion of Paris, while the virtuous, the truly noble, the men of genius and talent, and those with historic names, hold themselves gloomily aloof, and let these "new men" govern and represent France. A set of mere adventurers are often now at the head of the court circles of Paris, and literally their taste and their morality are not beyond their previous esteem. To many of them the songs of a Mlle. Therèse must be in perfect harmony with the amusements of their youth and the ideals of their age.

They are followed by a great horde of speculators, gamesters and adventurers, such as governed Rome in the time of imperial decay; men thoroughly devoted to gain, pleasure and adventure. It is these who are preparing the French Empire for its fall. No Government can survive a general disregard for public decency. Such a society as governs Paris is approaching its ruin.

A distinguished French statesman—than whom no one knows France more thoroughly—said recently, of this sad condition, to an English friend: "Nothing can save France but a revival of the true religion." Already, in Paris itself, the human conscience is asserting itself. A priest in Notre-Dame is thundering forth the moral law with such power that thousands go to listen who never cared to hear such truths before. A journal has been started by some thinkers, outside of the Church, called *La Morale Independante*, to announce the principles of an Eternal Morality. The moral feeling of the French people is rising against this profligate disregard of the external proprieties of morals, as well as the open violation of its laws.

The great thinkers of the nation in such organs as the *Revue des Deux Mondes* utter their sad and hopeless protest against this open degeneracy, and, as far as the Government inspection will permit, arraign the authorities for their silence or their encouragement to this profligacy. To all who care for the interests of morality and decency, it is a consolation that such violations must bring their speedy and terrible punishment.

The Markets Again.

Why it is that it is possible to have clean, sweet, even elegant markets in Philadelphia and in Boston, and those which approach this in Cincinnati, and Albany and Chicago, and yet it is impossible in New-York, we are not quite able to explain. Since the Board of Health have begun to insist that there shall be an approach to decency in this City, too, and have made an examination of the Washington Market and pronounced it a nuisance, (very properly, too,) public attention has been excited, and various plans have been suggested in our columns and elsewhere. As any and all plans may be of value, we now ask the attention of the Market Commission (whoever and whatever it may be, and pity we were not of it) to a few brief but pertinent suggestions.

First—No one thing will relieve the lower part of Broadway to such a degree as the speedy and total abrogation of both Washington and Fulton Markets. It is plain to every one that the wants of the lower part of the City do not require markets at these points, and it is plain that the wants of nine-tenths of the consumers do require them further up town.

Second—For the convenience of marketmen, of gardeners, of boatmen, of steamers, it is evident that the great distributing markets should be as near the rivers as possible. A large portion of the truck for daily sale and consumption comes in from Jersey and Long Island; therefore, if it can be landed directly into the markets, so much the better for the marketmen, so much the better for the vegetables and fruits, so much the better for us.

Third—Looking over the map of the City, we find wide streets or spaces on the Hudson, at Canal-street, at Christopher-street, at Fourteenth-street, at Twenty-third-street; on the East River, at Grand-street, at Fourteenth-street, at Twenty-third-street, and so on.

It would *seem*, therefore, (we say seem, not "it is,") very easy to bring about a blessed change. Washington and Fulton Markets might be sold for a good penny, and fine light, airy structures be raised to span the open spaces above mentioned—so arranged as to include the docks. It would seem easy, too, that these might be kept clean and decent. We are sure no butcher or market-man *loves* filth, more than we do, and we are sure that an elegant market would delight the hearts and gratify the pride of those who have to pass their lives in them. We are sure that private companies would gladly undertake the building of these markets, and we are sure they would pay a handsome revenue.

Now, nobody is gratified. For ourselves—and we believe we say what everyone feels—as we expect to spend our lives in this City, and hope to earn enough to go to market here, and have been obliged from time to time to visit the nuisance at the foot of Vesey-street, we say that if Father Hudson would some fine night rise in his might and wash the whole mass of filth down into the sea, he would receive the thanks of a disgusted community.

No one is satisfied, not the market-men, who are crowded and dirty, not the consumer who does not enjoy being crowded and dirty, not the grocers who have to travel so far to get their supplies and to be crowded and dirty. But somebody must like this or it would not continue? It must be so. Ah, there's the rub? It must be so; for if we remember rightly, when a year or two ago there was an investigation into the West Washington market matter, it was shown that out of some one hundred thousand dollars paid for rents of stalls, not one-tenth of the whole went into the City Treasury. Somebody, therefore, must be well-satisfied as things are. Just here is the crowning difficulty. How to get this so necessary, so delectable improvement made, with a proper distribution of the *spoil*. This it is which stands in the way of all decency, of all improvement in this City.

A New Case in Salvage Law.

It is one of the most interesting of legal studies to watch the changes made by the progress in civilization, and its new appliances, and to see how under that progress new cases are continually arising and calling for new applications of old doctrines, often in directions where one would think that no new combination was possible. A very striking instance of this may be found in our legal columns this morning in the salvage case of the *Morning Star*, decided by Judge BETTS.

The *Morning Star* was a large and valuable steamship which ran ashore one morning in a fog on Deal Beach, and could not get off again, but after lying for a day or two in an exposed and dangerous position was got off by the aid of a couple of schooners, with heavy anchors and cables, sent to her aid from this City.

One would have said that here was a simple case of salvage, calling only for an inquiry as to the value of the vessel saved and of the property put at risk in the service, an investigation of the labor performed and the danger met, and a determination as to the share of the property which the Court should deem an appropriate reward for the salvors, in view of those circumstances.

But one fact changed the whole aspect of the case, and brought into it the consideration of questions which, so far as we know, are entirely novel. The saving vessels were owned by a corporation formed under the laws of our State for the express purpose of saving vessels in such circumstances. The officers and crews of the vessels were employed by the Company, at a specified rate of wages, to render just such services as they rendered in this case, and were to receive for themselves no share of the compensation which should be awarded, whether by the Court or the parties. This circumstance, which is, so far as we know, a novel one in salvage cases, gave a different aspect to the whole affair. The Courts have felt called upon to give liberal rewards to salvors, in order that they might be thereby induced to undergo toil and peril in order to save property from wreck and disaster. The gallantry of the salvors, their heroism in meeting danger, their skill in avoiding perils or in the use of appliances within their reach, and their long-continued toil; all these were elements which the courts always looked at and carefully weighed, and were always ready promptly and liberally to remunerate, so that thereby others might be encouraged to render similar services and undergo like dangers and toils.

But this slight change of circumstance of which we spoke removed all these considerations from the case. The persons by whose labor and skill the services were rendered were not to receive any of the compensation which the Court might award as peculiarly due for that labor and skill. Their wages were paid by their employers alike whatever the result of their labors might be. Of course all that inducement to speed and activity and perseverance and skill and endurance, which the enhanced rewards of salvage offer, was gone. And the reason of a rule ceasing, the rule itself ceases also.

And so Judge BETTS has held. He says that salvage services thus rendered, the corporation can recover only such proportion of salvage compensation as would be proportionate to the property which they put at risk, and that shares of stock can hardly be vitalized in such a way as to be entitled to receive at the hands of a court that remuneration which would be due to the personal heroism and skill of the men by whom the labor was performed.

The opinion of the Judge in which he discusses the question at some length, will be found interesting by all who go down to the sea in ships, or are interested in companies formed to carry on the wrecking business.

The Morality of Our Detective Police System.

Several gentlemen who have recently been robbed on the platforms of our City railway cars, and who have reported at the TIMES Office the circumstances under which their watches and wallets were taken, have become impressed with the conviction that certain car conductors are in league with the light-fingered gentry who travel in their vehicles during the crowded hours at nightfall. We advised one of the victims, who, by the way, is a member of the New-York bar, to appeal to the Detective Police; to offer a reasonable gratuity for the restoration of the costly watch which had been snatched from his person, and to trust the rest to the detective officers. He replied that he would lose his watch rather than compound a felony. We begged an explanation, and he said: "Were I to give this case to the Chief of Detectives and offer $100 reward, an officer would soon thereafter propose a division with one of a gang of thieves, and on the morning after the making of this proposal a small boy would enter the Detectives' office and deliver the watch at the counter, receiving therefor $50 of my money; I prefer either to lose the watch or to punish the pickpocket." "But should you be unable to reach the thief?" we ventured to inquire. "That," added our friend, "is another matter; we can reach these fellows if we will but resolve to do it; if the President of the Board of Police will take pattern of one of his Precinct Captains, and order his officers to arrest any thief wherever he may be found, he may within a month send a thousand of the gang to Blackwell's Island as vagrants, or persons having no visible means of support; but I would not employ the Detective Police to execute this order." "Then you conceive the Detective Police to be a corrupt body?" we added; and the response was, "Gentlemen of the Bar suppose that certain detective policemen are on terms of intimacy with the 'swell mob.'"

If these stories be true—we should hope they are only partially true—we cannot see that the detective officers have any but themselves to blame. For certainly the morsels of intelligence which they have given the public concerning their operations within a year past have in several instances revealed something very closely resembling the compounding of felony.

The Concord bank robbery is a case in point. The bank lost $300,000; the detective officers recovered $200,000; the thief escaped, and he avers—of course, the report is not from a trustworthy source—that every dollar of the Concord bank's money was surrendered to the detective officers. But suppose that they made restitution of every dime which the thief turned over to their hands, where is the thief?

The several accounts of the Boston and New-York detective officers' dealings with one BROWN—or SMITH, or whatever his name may be—one of the party which effected the $1,500,000 robbery, agree to the letter in representing BROWN as having proposed that, inasmuch as he and only he could disclose the place of concealment of the stolen securities, his captors should promise him, first, immunity from arrest, and secondly, a round hundred thousand dollars, or in other words, the usual half of the reward; and one account ingenuously adds that "Capt. YOUNG returned to New-York to consult his principal as to the propriety of acceding to these terms." It is noteworthy that this statement is made by an officer who regards it as a not unusual circumstance, and the inference is that in detective circles this kind of dealing is what we may understand to be meant when the reporters tell us of captures which are made "through means only known by the detective police."

We have cited the two most conspicuous robberies which are believed to have been compromised within a year. Meanwhile all concerned may do well to commit to memory the 183d section of the Penal Code, as follows:

"Every person who, having knowledge of the actual commission of a crime or violation of statute, takes any money or property of another, or any gratuity or reward, or any engagement or promise therefor, upon any agreement or understanding, express or implied, to compound or conceal such crime, or violation of statute, or to abstain from any prosecution therefor, or to withhold any evidence thereof, is punishable by imprisonment in a State Prison not exceeding three years, or in a County Jail not exceeding six months, where the crime compounded was punishable by imprisonment in a State Prison for any other term than for life."

Capt. YOUNG and his assistants have doubtless done good service on many occasions; and we blame them far less than we reprobate the system under which they operate.

AMERICAN HOTEL BUILDING BURNT.—The building on the corner of Broadway and Barclay-street, consumed Friday morning, recently a sort of hive teeming with the business of men engaged in all manner of enterprises, was once the Fifth-avenue Hotel of New-York. Before the Astor House was born, the American, by BOARDMAN & BLAKE, was an up-town hotel, very fashionable and rather fast. From 1825 to 1830 champagne was as plentiful and almost as cheap as Croton. A dinner there was a perpetual *feu de joie* of Heidsick corks. Among the fast young men of the American was a Mr. CLINTON, of Utica, who made haste to run through a large inheritance. Half a dozen congenial spirits dined with him daily. His cigars, with those of his friends, were regularly lighted with dollar bank bills. His ambition, like that of young WINDHAM, who fooled away a large estate in England, was to drive a stage coach. He would take an exclusive extra at Utica, put the driver inside and take the ribbons himself. Of course this young man and his money passed away long ago. On one occasion when CLINTON had a jolly party at dinner, one of his guests received a brief note announcing the death of his wife, a soiled daughter of one of the best families in the city. He looked thoughtful for a few moments, and then the champagne chased away all remembrance of the bright hour when he promised to "love and cherish." Of all the dashing boarders at the American in those days, a single gentleman, with measured step, and in well-brushed wig, may still be seen promenading Broadway.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 7.

THE PRESIDENT SIGNS THE BILL PUNISHING COUNTERFEITING.

The President has approved and signed the bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States. It provides that if any person or persons shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in the false making, altering, forging or counterfeiting any bond, bill, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond public record, affidavit or other writing, for the purpose of defrauding the United States; or shall utter or publish as true, or cause to be uttered or published as true, any such false, forged, altered or counterfeited bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit or writing, for the purpose of defrauding the United States, knowing the same to be false, altered or counterfeited, or shall transmit to or present at, or cause or procure to be transmitted to or presented at the office of any officer of the United States any such false, forged, altered or counterfeited bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit or other writing, knowing the same to be false, altered or counterfeited, for the purpose of defrauding the United States; every such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and, being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept at hard labor not exceeding ten years, or be fined not exceeding $1,000, or both of said punishments, at the discretion of the Court.

It further provides that if any offence shall be committed in any place which has been or shall hereafter be ceded to and be under the jurisdiction of the United States, which offence is not provided for, or punishment thereof is not specially provided by any law of the United States, such offence shall, upon conviction in any court of the United States having cognizance thereof, be liable to and receive the same punishment as the laws of the State in which such is or may be situated, now in force, provided for the like offence when committed within the jurisdiction of such State; and no subsequent repeal of any such State law shall affect any prosecution for such offence in any of the Courts of the United States.

COMPENSATION TO OFFICERS FOR CERTAIN LOSSES.

The President has also approved the bill providing that in case any officer of the Navy or Marine Corps on board a vessel in the employ of the United States, which by any casualty or in action with the enemy has been or may be sunk or otherwise destroyed, shall thereby have lost his personal effects, the proper accounting officers are authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, to allow to such officer a sum not exceeding the amount of his sea-pay for one month as compensation for the loss.

THE CHIPPEWA INDIANS.

In accordance with an invitation from Commissioner COOLEY the chiefs and headmen of the Chippewa band of Indians, from Lake Superior, assembled in the council room of the Indian Bureau to-day to confer with the commissioners and agents, on the part of the United States, in reference to the treaty which the Government is endeavoring to make with them.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The total internal revenue receipts for the past week were over $7,000,000.

RECEIPTS OF THE LAND OFFICE.

Returns received at the General Land Office show that in the month of February 4,491,023 acres were taken up at the Oregon City Land Office, in the State of Oregon, for homestead actual settlement, besides which a number of cash sales were made.

THE ALEXANDRIA RIOTERS.

Five of the Alexandria Christmas rioters, tried by court-martial, have been sentenced to periods of from five years to six months imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary, and are on their way there.

THE SMITHSONIAN LIBRARY.

The President has also approved the bill providing for the transfer of the custody of the library of the Smithsonian Institution to the library of Congress.

RELEASE OF CAPT. SEMMES.

The *National Intelligencer* says: "Capt. RAPHAEL SEMMES was released on his original parole under the Johnston-Sherman Convention, under an order issued by the President yesterday."

CONSULAR.

The President has recognized NICOLAS RAFAEL AUSADO as Vice Consul of Ecuador at New-York.

POST-OFFICES AT THE SOUTH.

One-fourth of the persons just appointed to take charge of the twenty-four post-offices reopened in North Carolina and Virginia are women. Two of the women previously appointed could not take the oath.

What the Vice-President of Dixie Thinks—His Views on the Condition of the Country—Reconstruction—Suffrage—Negro Rights and Human Rights—The President's Policy vs. Congress—Radicals Must Go Slow—The North Must Let the South Alone—His Personal Appearance.

Correspondence of the New-York Times:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Friday, April 6, 1866.

Probably no man in the South, who was closely identified with the rebellion, is less distrusted by the loyal people than ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS. Before the culmination of that treason to the United States which is declared in the organic act of our Government to consist in levying war against them, Mr. STEPHENS strenuously opposed secession, and *predicted* what has come to the Southern people as a result of their mad folly and crime. But that indescribable *ignus fatus* of State sovereignty, popularly called State Rights, seems to have drawn not only Mr. STEPHENS, but Gen. LEE, and many other Southern men who professed loyalty, into the maelstrom of treason. And to conciliate that numerous class of Southrons known there at that period as Conservatives, Mr. S. was selected as their second executive officer of the Confederacy. Officiating in that capacity, he may be fairly presumed to at least understand the feelings and wishes of the Southern people, a correct reflex of a large and respectable portion of whom he was immediately preceding the rebellious outbreak.

Hence, upon his arrival in this city a day or two ago, I had the pleasure of several long and interesting interviews with him, that I might cull from his copious and unreserved expressions of opinion on the various subjects now agitating the public mind, such features as will give us more light on the great problem of Reconstruction. He expressed to me

HIS VIEWS ON SOUTHERN POLICY,

and thinks that the principles enunciated by the President in his annual message last December, and reiterated in various official and unofficial documents and speeches since, are the fundamental desiderata of our system of government. This policy is favorable to the late insurgents, and is in his opinion the only basis of restoration which will command the hearty cooperation of the conservative and peace-loving people in all sections of the country. He thinks that all Mr. JOHNSON has done toward reconstruction was done under the sanction of military law, and as commander-in-chief of a victorious army and navy, what the conquered people of the South did was a part and parcel of the terms of surrender. When they had complied with the conditions exacted by the President, they were entitled to all the rights allowed other sections of the country; and that Congress had no more right to dictate any additional terms of surrender than the same body would have had to have dictated the terms of surrender at Vicksburgh. But

WHY DO THE REPUBLICANS PERSIST

in their attempt to keep out in the cold all these States now at peace and penitent? Because they will vote with the "strict constructionists," (as they always have done, he said,) and not with the Federals; and thus by uniting with the Northern Democrats, there would be formed a large National party, possessing a sufficiency of strength and adhesiveness to warrant a defeat of black Republican radicalism. They think if they can compel the adoption of universal suffrage by the enchantment of

THE STEWART PROPOSITION

of universal amnesty, or otherwise, then, the negro voting with the Federals in the South, there would be hope of a longer continuance in power. He could see no other explanation of the zealous manner with which the Radicals urged the title of the late slaves to political equality with the whites, a new and unheard-of question, sprung upon the issues of civil war. And he does not think the Stewart plan of "tickle me, Johnnie, and I'll tickle you," would be sanctioned by a single Southern State. He thought that the

NORTHERN VIEW OF THE QUESTION

of secession was that the Southern States had never gone out of the Union, and the war was prosecuted to prevent them from going out. If the Southern States were out of the Union, then the war against them was cruel and atrocious. The President's view, that the functions of these States were merely suspended during the rebellion, and to quote from Mr. LINCOLN, out of their "proper practical relations" with the Union, he thought consistent; and on this hypothesis, the moment the resistance to the Federal Government ceased, the Southern States stood just where they did when the war began, with all their rights as States unimpaired, and their domestic or other relations only changed in such aspects as the amended Magna Charta designated.

Mr. STEPHENS expressed his opinions fully and freely on the subject of the

RIGHTS OF NEGROES,

and held in emphatic language that their civil rights should be precisely those of other people, with no separate and discriminating codes and regulations.

Many of the legislators of Georgia had sought his advice upon the subject of a "Black Code" of laws, designating a different and in many instances severer punishment for negroes committing certain crimes, than that applied to whites—such as hanging for rape, while the penitentiary only was given the white man guilty of a similar offence. He opposed any discrimination in defining crime or devising penalty. That Legislature finally legalized negro testimony in cases affecting their own race. This proposition he philosophically submitted to his body servant, an intelligent negro, and Cuffy was highly elated to think that they had been given superior advantages over their white friends, claiming, very naturally, that the negroes were not permitted to tell the truth except when one of their own race was interested! With Cuffy's logic Mr. STEVENS went back to the Legislature, and in a week a new, just and practical law was enacted, admitting the testimony of all persons, regardless of color; leaving, of course, the credibility of the testimony to be adjudged by the Court. And Mr. STEPHENS successfully urged upon his people the necessity of legalizing the negroes in the enjoyment of all civil rights possessed by other persons.

On the all-absorbing subject of

SUFFRAGE,

Mr. STEPHENS holds that under our system of government, each State has reserved the right to declare who shall exercise the elective franchise; and he does not recognize suffrage as a right pertaining to citizenship, but a granted privilege. Congress, therefore, has no authority to confer it upon any class of persons, and should not force so odious a measure upon the South. Ultimately, when the negro shall have become intelligent and frugal and incorporated by his possession of real estate into the body politic of the various States,

been exhibited for restoring the temporal bones to their natural position. The temporal bone is the bone in which the internal ear is situated, and it is the seat of the most frequent and painful diseases of the ear. The operation is a delicate one, and requires the most careful study of the anatomical relations of the parts involved. Dr. Clark has had a large experience in this class of operations, and has been very successful. He thinks that the operation will be found of great value in the treatment of deafness.

Mr. Clark, of Kansas, next addressed the House on the question of reconstruction. He held that the Southern States were not out of the Union. He held that the question of reconstruction was one for the whole people of the United States, and not for the Executive or Congress alone. He thought that the Executive should not have vetoed the Freedmen's Bureau bill. He held that the Southern States were entitled to representation in Congress.

Mr. Farnsworth, of Illinois, addressed the House briefly in favor of the constitutional amendment. He thought that the people of the country were ready for it. He thought that the Constitution should be amended so as to prohibit the payment of the rebel debt. He thought that the Constitution should be amended so as to prohibit the payment of the rebel debt. He thought that the Constitution should be amended so as to prohibit the payment of the rebel debt. He thought that the Constitution should be amended so as to prohibit the payment of the rebel debt.

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MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—April 7, 1866.

$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C... 113⅝
10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C... 104⅝
1,000 do ... 105
3,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C... 104⅛
20,500 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C '68 104⅝
3,000 U. S. 6s, 10-40s C... 91⅜
6,000 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s, 1st Series... 100⅝
5,000 do ... 2d Ser. 100
75,000 do ... 3d Ser. 100
14,000 do ... 3d Ser. 99⅞
1,000 Virginia 6s... 67
4,000 N. Car. 6s... 64½
6,000 do ... 64¼
20,000 Mo. State 6s... 72
10,000 do ... 72½
19,000 N.Y. St. 7s, Sterling Loan... 100⅜
10,000 O. & M. Cer... 28
10,000 do ... 30
3,000 Hud. Riv. R... 95
1,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind. 1st M. 101⅛
1,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind. 2d M. 95
8,000 do ... 94⅜
8,000 Ala. & T. H. 1st M. 74
4,000 Al. & T. H. 2d Pr. 70
4,000 P., Ft. W. & Chi. 1st M. 97
5,000 P., Ft. W. & Chi. 3d M. 93½
25,000 M. & Mo. 1. G. 8s... 48
2,000 Chic. & A. 1st M. 95
1,000 Ol. & Pitts. 3d M. 80
3,000 Mil. & St. P. 1st M. 93
10 Mer. Ex. Bank... 110
6 Bank of Commerce... 106½
105 Fourth N. Bk... 101
5 Imp. & Trad. B'k... 110
10 do ... 109
100 Canton Co... b10 47½
100 do ... s3 47⅝
92 Del. & Hud. C... 83
100 Spring M. Coal... 42
200 Western U. Tel... 55
400 Quick. Min. Co... 41⅜
100 do ... 41⅝
500 Min. Min. Co... 10
50 Min. Min. Co... 10
200 Mar. Prod. Co... 13
200 Atl. & Mail S. Co... 128⅝
1,000 do ... 129
200 Cleve. & Tol... 110

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

400 Canton Co... 47½
100 do ... 47⅜
200 Erie R... 77⅞
100 do ... 77⅜
400 New-York Cen... 92⅝
100 Hud. R. R... b15 110
100 Reading R... 101⅜
100 do ... 101⅛
400 Clev. & Pitts... b30 80
100 Erie R... 76⅞
100 do ... 2d call 72⅞
500 N. Car. 6s... 64⅜
8,000 do ... 64½
1,000 T. Notes, 7 3-10s 1st Series... 100⅝
20,000 O. & M. Cer... 26½
100 Canton Co... 47⅝
300 do ... 48
100 Quick. Min. Co... 41⅜
100 West. U. Telegr'h... 55⅜
200 Atl. Mail S. Co... 129
5 Pac. M. S. S. Co... 115
700 Cleve. & Pitts... 79⅝
200 Chi. & R. I. R... 100
100 Reading R... 101⅝
300 Chi. & N. W. R. pf... 75
100 do ... 75⅛
100 Mich. Cen... 89
100 Mich. So. & N. Ind... 81⅞
1000 do ... 90⅞
400 do ... 91

2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C... 104⅞
2,000 Tenn. 6s... 91
500 N. Car. 6s... 64⅜
8,000 do ... 64⅝
1,000 T. Notes, 7 3-10s 1st Series... 100⅝
20,000 O. & M. Cer... 26½
100 Canton Co... 47⅝
300 do ... 48
100 Quick. Min. Co... 41⅜
100 West. U. Telegr'h... 55⅜
200 Atl. Mail S. Co... 129
5 Pac. M. S. S. Co... 115
700 Cleve. & Pitts... 79⅝
200 Chi. & R. I. R... 100
100 Reading R... 101⅝
300 Chi. & N. W. R. pf... 75
100 do ... 75⅛
100 Mich. So. & N. Ind... 81⅞
1000 do ... 90⅞
400 do ... 91

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

200 West. Union T.... 56
600 Erie Railroad... 76⅝
300 do ... s30 72⅜
200 Canton Co... 47⅝
100 do ... s30 47⅜
200 do ... 48
600 Spruce Hill Coal... 8¼
700 do ... 8½
1.0 Mariposa Pr... 12
300 N. Y. Cen... c 92⅝
200 do ... 92⅞
500 Hudson R. R... 95
5 0 Cleve. & Pitts... c 79⅞
10 M. S. & N. I. R... b3 81⅝

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

400 Canton Co... 48
1,000 Erie R... 76⅞
600 do ... s2 76⅝
1.0 do ... 76
50 do ... 76
0 Hud. R. R. Long ... s2 106½
do ... s2 106⅝
Reading R... 101⅞
do ... b3 101⅜
100 P., Ft. W. & C. 1st M... 97
Mich. S. & N. I. R... b3 81⅞
100 do ... 81⅝
1000 do ... b3 81⅝

100 New-York Cen... b3 92⅜
1100 Cleve. & Pitts... 80
1200 do ... 80⅛
100 do ... 80¾
200 do ... b3 80⅞
3100 Cleve. & Pitts... 80
200 do ... 2d call 79⅝
700 do ... b3 80⅜
600 Mich. S. & N. I. R... b3 81⅝
100 do ... 81⅜
100 do ... b3 81⅝
100 do ... b10 81⅝
100 do ... 81⅞
100 Clev. & P. 4th mort... 70
Miss. & Mo. 1. G. 1st M. 46
Chic. & Alton 1st M... 95
Ohio & Miss. 1st M... 80½
Peninsula R. R. Bds... 73
Mil. & St. Paul 1st M... 81½
Mil. & St. Paul 2d M... 68¼
Joliet & Chic. 1st mort. 70

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

300 Erie Railroad... 77⅜
100 do ... 77⅝
100 do ... b3 77⅞
100 do ... s3 77⅝
500 do ... 77⅞
100 do ... b3 78
100 Cleve. & Pitts... s10 79⅝
200 do ... s3 79⅞
100 do ... s3 80
100 P. F. W. & C. 1st M... 97
100 Hudson River... s-d 107½
100 do ... 108
100 Chic. & R. I. R... 116⅝
800 Reading R... 101⅝
100 Erie R... 77⅞
100 do ... 77¾
100 Mich. So. & N. Ind... 81⅞
100 do ... 81¾
100 do ... 81⅝
100 do ... 90⅜
300 Mich. So. & N. I... 81⅞
100 do ... 82
300 Ill. Central R... 115⅞

The price of Gold was comparatively steady to-day at 127⅞@127¼ ₱ cent., without much spirit in the speculation either way. We should call the market rather weak, although the Customs demand for the day was about $600,000, and for the week nearly *three millions of dollars.* This is an indication, in the first week of the month, of larger Customs for April than was anticipated at the close of last month. The entries of European steamer cargoes, (fine goods,) however, have been unusually numerous, and a larger amount of general merchandise was also entered for sailing vessels and West India steamers. The Treasury Office paid out only $63,000 for Gold Interest on the Public Debt.

The week closed on an easy market for Money at 6 ₱ cent. to the Brokers and 6@7 ₱ cent. on choice merchant paper of short date. Fair single names have been taken outside of bank at 9 ₱ cent.

The steamers of the day took out $191,000 in Silver bars, &c., making the specie shipments of the week $206,000. After the mail closed, bills on London declined to 106@106¼ ₱ cent.

On the Stock Exchange, and with great dealers in Wall-street, there was a better demand than on Friday for Government Securities, and the prices left off steady at 104¼ for 5-20s, and par@100¼ for 7.30s.

The Railway market was generally active and prices upward. A large business was done in Erie shares at a further advance, some Street sales being made early in the forenoon as high as 80@80¼ ₱ cent. Late in the day the speculation in Cleveland and Pittsburgh rose to 81 ₱ cent., and Hudson River sold at 107, ex-dividend, equal to 112 on Friday. Reading was in request at 101@101¼@101¼ ₱ cent. Rock Island continued very strong, and Michigan Southern steady at about 82 ₱ cent. At 5:30 P. M. the following quotations were made as compared with Friday night:

	Fri'd.	Sat.		Fri'd.	Sat.
U. S. 10-40s...	91⅜	91⅝	Missouri 6s...	72½	72⅝
U. S. 5-20s...	104¼	104⅜	Northwest...	29¾	29⅞
U. S. 7.30s...	100	100	N. West Pref...	54⅜	55⅛
N. Y. Central...	92⅞	93	Rock Island...	114⅜	114
Erie...	77⅝	77⅝	Fort Wayne...	90⅞	91⅛
Hudson...	106¾	106¾	Cumb'land Coal.	43½	43⅞
Reading...	101	101⅜	Quicksilver...	40¾	41
Mich. Southern...	81⅝	81¾	Mich. Mines...	13	13
Illinois Central...	116	116	Canton...	47¾	47⅝
Pittsburgh...	79⅜	81¼	Ohio Certificates	26⅜	26⅝
Prairie du Chien	96	96	American Gold...	127⅜	127
Treasury 6s...	105	105	Bills on London...	106¼	106
Pacific Mail...	213	215			

The following bids were made for the City Bank shares:

New-York...	112	Bank of N. America..	106
Merchants'...	112	Metropolitan...	122
Union...	120	People's...	115
America...	137	Nassau...	110½
Phœnix...	99	Corn Exchange...	115
Tradesmen's...	135	Continental...	95
Butchers & Drovers'.	120	St. Nicholas...	101
Merchants' Exch'ge.	110	Marine...	140
Seventh Ward...	105	Commonwealth...	101
State of New York...	105	New-York County...	140
Commerce...	110½	Importers' & Traders'	110
Mechanics' Bkg. Ass.	108	Park...	150
Ocean...	96	Manufac. & Merch's.	100
American Exchange.	115	N.Y. Nation'l Ex. B'k.	120
Pacific...	165	Central National...	108¾
Chatham...	135	First National...	203
Bank of Republic...	108	Fourth National...	101

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883...	90	Del. L. & W. 1st M....	99
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1876...	101	Tol. & Wab. 1st M....	85
Erie 1st M.... '76....	101	Tol. & Wab. 1st M. ext.	85
Erie 7s, 2d mort.... '83....	96	Chi. & R. I. 1st mort....	90
Buf. N. Y. & E. 1st M. '77.	94	Clev. & Pitts. 1st M....	94
Hud. R. 7s, 1st M.... '69....	101¾	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1st M.	97
Hud. R. 7s, 2ds. S. F.... '85.	101¾	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 2d M.	91
Hud. R. 7s, conv.... '67....	96	Cleve. & P. 6th mort....	80
Chi., B. & Q. 8s, c. 1st M.	107	Cleve. & P. 4th mort....	70
N. Ind. Gosh. Line '68..	91¾	Miss. & Mo. 1. G. 1st M.	46
Rich. S. & N. I. S. F. 7s c.	93	Chic. & Alton 1st M....	95
Pacific R. R. 7s, 6 Mo..	74	Ohio & Miss. 1st M....	80½
Alton & T. H. 1st M....	89	Peninsula R. R. Bds....	73
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf.	77	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M..	81½
Alton & T. H. 2d M. in.	73½	Mil. & St. Paul 2d M..	68¼
Chi. & N. W. 1st M....	81	Joliet & Chic. 1st mort.	70
Chi. & N. W. 1st M....	81		

The following returns of March traffic on the Railways have been reported:

	March, 1866.	March, 1865.
New-York Central...	$1,150,000	$955,659
Northwest...	523,744	496,113
Rock Island...	226,251	262,575
Michigan Central...	337,158	344,228
Michigan Southern...	412,393	413,322
Chicago and Alton...	304,885	299,063

A notice was entered at the Stock Exchange Board this forenoon for the repeal of the old-standing rule authorizing the purchase of stock after 2:30 P. M., for account of Brokers failing to make good their deliveries of the day. The notice was partially discussed, and to be voted upon ten days hence; with very slight prospect, however, that it will be seriously entertained, as the reverse rule requiring Brokers to receive and pay for stock on the day it falls due, is not only correct in itself, but is of the most imperious nature, requiring the stock left over to be sold out by the Board for cash, to the cost (and prejudice to the credit) of the Broker defaulting.

The Bank Panic at Rochester.

From the Rochester Union of April 6.

The suspension of WARD & BROTHER, on Wednesday, has caused something of a panic, and those who are easily alarmed, including many residing in the country, have rushed to the private bankers to draw out currency. A run was made all day yesterday upon Mr. KARNES, who paid out freely, and not having a large amount of deposits was confident that he could go through. His securities were ample, but they were not currency, to be used at the moment. He took in what he could gather here, and received some from New-York and opened this morning. Before noon, however, he found that he was not able to go through the day, and closed his doors. Mr. KARNES has done a limited and prudent business, and we hope that he will make an arrangement to go along in a day or two. As soon as the silly panic now prevailing is over he will be able to get the currency upon his securities and resume pay ment. A run began this morning upon the banking-house of D. W. POWERS, and has continued all day, without making any impression upon his heaps of currency. Few citizens drew; indeed, they deposit liberally and help to keep up the pile of currency that timid people carry away to the country. The run upon Mr. POWERS is regarded as a joke by the best-informed citizens, rather than as a serious matter. Those who draw their money do not know what to do with it. In some instances they offered it to banks, who refused to receive it. One cashier told a man who had drawn four thousand dollars from Mr. POWERS that he did not want to open an account with him.

Mr. POWERS has given notice that he will keep open till 9 o'clock to-night, and open again at 8 to-morrow morning, to give depositors a chance to get what they want.

Those who are taking their currency home and keeping it by them are only inviting thieves and robbers to come for it. This class of gentry will have a harvest ere long, unless the wild people are restored to their senses.

The wheat grown in different parts of the United States cannot be screened by the same grades of bolting-cloth. The grain from Southern Ohio and Illinois requires a mesh of one size, from Wisconsin and Minnesota another, and other sections still others. The shape of the mesh is also different for different kinds of grain.

When ladies sit for a photographic picture they should remember that silks and satins are the best dress, because they reflect much light. Dark woolen fabrics and plain light fabrics should be avoided. Open white lace upon a dark ground has a good effect.

The *Shoe & Leather Reporter* notices a new substance for soling boots and shoes, which is said to wear out four English soles. It has India-rubber for a basis, but is not vulcanized. It is very heavy and hard, but flexible too. It is applied to a leather sole by means of cement.

SAVINGS BANKS.

SIX PER CENT.—FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK, corner of 3d-av. and 26th-st.
PRESENT DEPOSITS, $2,750,000.
SIX PER CENT. interest paid on all sums from $1 to $1,000, free from Government tax.
All moneys deposited on or before April 10 will draw interest from the 1st.
BANK OPEN DAILY from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock.
SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
RICHARD KELLY, Secretary.

ORGANIZED 1833.

SIX-PENNY SAVINGS BANK.

CLINTON HALL, ASTOR-PLACE.
All sums received on deposit, from 5 cents to $1,000. Interest paid during the past thirteen years, 6 per cent. per annum.
Dividends paid Feb. 1, and Aug. 1.
Deposits amounting to $3 and upward and remaining undrawn for six months, from Feb. 1, or Aug. 1, and three months from May 1, or Nov. 1, will be entitled to interest.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID, FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 86 Bowery, corner Canal-st.,
Open every day from 10 to 3 o'clock. Money deposited now or on or before April 21, will draw interest from April 1.
GEORGE FOLSOM, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,

No. 10 Cooper Institute.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST paid free of tax. Deposits draw interest from April 1.
Deposits from $1 to $5,000 received.
ISAAC T. SMITH, President.
W. J. BARNES, Secretary.

SATURDAY, April 7—P. M.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK.

CANAL-ST., COR. OF VARICK.
DEPOSITS from 10 CENTS to $5,000 received.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, free of tax.
Deposits before April 21 draw interest from April 1.
ASSETS, $1,802,226 38.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,

CHATHAM-SQUARE, OPPOSITE MOTT-ST., NEW-YORK.
Allows SIX (6) per cent. interest to depositors, free of tax. Deposits made on or before April 24, draw interest from April 1. Deposits from $1 to $5,000 received.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

No. 96 Warren-st.
Open daily from 10 A. M., to 3 P. M.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, free of Government tax
Money deposited on or before April 21 will draw interest from April 1.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK—NO. 894 8TH-av., corner of 52d-st. Open daily. Interest 6 per cent., free of tax.
Deposits made now draw interest from April 1.
SAMUEL NEWBY, President.
JAMES F. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, 8TH-AV. corner of 14th-st. SIX PER CENT. interest, free of tax. Deposits made on or before April 10 draw interest from April 1.
THOMAS CHRISTY, President.
R. H. BULL, Secretary.

STOVES, RANGES, &C.

THE IMPERIAL FRENCH COOKING RANGE, manufactured by Messrs. E. MONEUSE & DUPARQUET, Nos. 28 and 30 Greene-st., New-York, are the best and most improved ever manufactured either in this country or in Europe. Their superiority consists in an economy in fuel of 25 or 30 per cent. over any other range, even the so-called European Ranges, recently introduced in the market, and in affording greater accommodations and every kind of comfort to the cook; they also manufacture all cooking utensils and tin them over, as to whom see the following references:
Mr. Martinez, Maison Doree.
Mr. Cranston, New-York Hotel.
Mr. S. Leland, Metropolitan Hotel.
Messrs. Leland Brothers, Union Hotel, Saratoga Springs, and other references at our place.

FURNITURE.

BEDROOM ENAMELED FURNITURE of warranted manufacture. Also, solid chestnut and walnut chamber suites, plain and ornamental. AT H. F. FARRINGTON'S, No. 362 Canal-st., opposite Wooster. Established 1843.

ENAMELED FURNITURE.—THE LARGEST assortment of enameled, chestnut and solid walnut bedroom suites, in this city; also, mattresses, springs, &c.; goods warranted as represented; at the old established house. WARREN WARD & CO., 277 Canal.

FURNITURE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, carpets, bedding, oil-cloths, parlor and bedroom suites, &c., at BENDALL & SCOTT'S, Nos. 209 and 211 Hudson-st., corner of Canal-st. Housekeepers will be supplied, and can pay by installments, if preferred.

FURNITURE, CARPETS, BOOKS, LIBRARIES, &c., bought and sold for cash, at No. 125 6th-av., between 9th and 10th sts. A large stock of books always for sale.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLE MANTELS, FLOOR-TILING, monuments, headstones, &c., can be purchased at wholesale prices from a large and well-assorted stock. FISHER & BIRD, Steam Marble Works, Nos. 97 to 103 East Houston-st.

MARBLE MANTELS OF THE BEST FINISH and of modern designs, offered cheaper than elsewhere at KNOX KLABER'S Marble Manufactory, No. 54 1st-av., near 3d-st., New-York.

MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTELS.—SUperior in appearance, more durable, and at half the price of marble. T. B. STEWART, No. 605 6th-av., and 1,310 Broadway, between 36th and 38th-sts., New-York.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

W. H. DISBROW'S
HORSE AND CARRIAGE BAZAAR,
No. 120 LIBERTY-ST.
Next regular auction sale of horses, carriages, &c., on TUESDAY, April 10, at 1 P. M. Gentlemen wishing to enter their horses, &c., for the above sale will please notify by Monday afternoon to secure entry on catalogue.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE.—MR. SAMUEL F. BARGER BECOMES a partner in our firm from this date.
M. M. FREEMAN & CO.
NEW-YORK, April 2, 1866.

STATIONERY.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST INKS.—"Keys' National Writing Fluid" and "American Union Ink." No sediment; flow freely and do not corrode. Sold by the trade generally. Manufactured by REEVES & CO., successor to J. G. Keys. Removed to No. 303 Washington-st., near Reade.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION.—"TO C. L. r. COLTON is due the credit of reviving the use of this important agent (Nitrous Oxide) in the practice of dentistry."—*Letter from Dr. Garnsche.* That we administer the gas in the most safe and efficient manner 10,000 patients and the medical profession of New-York will testify. Offices, Nos. 19 and 30 Cooper Institute.

LOST AND FOUND.

IF THE PERSON WHO FOUND A BLACK leather bag, with small pad-lock on the same, in one of the Jersey City ferry-boats, leaving New-York 12 M. April 7, 1866, will return the same to the office of the New-Yorker Express Co., they will be liberally dealt with.

MILLINERY.

SIMMONS' PARIS MILLINERY, NO. 637 Broadway, up stairs: two doors below Bleecker-st., New-York.
Also, a large assortment of round hats and mourning bonnets.

DRY GOODS.

REDUCE EXPENSES!!! BY BUYING YOUR DRY GOODS AT FOSTER BROTHER'S, GREAT PANIC SALE, NO. 272 BLEECKER-ST.

NO ABATEMENT IN THE DEMAND,
EIGHTH WEEK OF THE RUSH.
STORE CROWDED FROM 8 O'CLOCK
THE MORNING TILL
6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.
LADIES FROM JERSEY CITY,
HOBOKEN, BROOKLYN, WILLIAMSBURGH,
AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY,
FLOCKING TO OUR STORE FOR BARGAINS.
N. B.—ALL GOODS SOLD AS ADVERTISED.
AUCTION LOT PRINTS, 16c. AND 18c.
AUCTION LOT DELAINES, 20c.
BEAUTIFUL ALPACAS FROM 31c. UP.
HANDSOME SPRING DRESS GOODS
FROM 22c. UP TO 62c. A YARD.
AUCTION CASSIMERES, 50c. AND 62½c.
ALSO, GREAT SALE OF MUSLINS
AT 15c., WELL WORTH 20c.
AT 20c., WELL WORTH 25c.
AT 22c., WELL WORTH 28c.
AT 25c., WELL WORTH 31c.
AT 31c., WELL WORTH 37½c.
GOODS ARE AGAIN ADVANCING,
BUT OUR PRICES WILL NOT
BE CHANGED THIS WEEK.
NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY
MUSLINS, PRINTS AND DRESS GOODS,
WHILE THESE BARGAINS LAST.
CUT THIS OUT TO REMEMBER
THE NAME AND NUMBER.

STRANG & ADRIANCE,
NO. 355 BROADWAY.
GREAT BARGAINS.

Will be offered at retail on MONDAY, from the HEAVY AUCTION SALES of last week, comprising
BLACK AND COLORED SILKS,
in every variety.
8-4 and 3-4 BLACK WORSTED GRENADINES.
BLACK BOMBAZINES, TAMISE CLOTHS,
DELAINES AND ALPACAS
HOUSEKEEPING GOODS,
of every description, much cheaper than heretofore.
ALSO,
FANCY DRESS GOODS, from low to fine quality.
BLACK and COLORED and WHITE ground BROCHE, GRENADINES, the best and cheapest goods ever offered.
PRINTED MOHAIRS, a new and desirable article.
SUPER SILKS AND WOOL POPLINS, in all styles and colors.
ORGANDIES, JACONETS, PERCALES and PRINTS, the handsomest assortment ever offered by us.
ALSO,
SHAWLS,
of all descriptions.
REAL LLAMA LACE POINTS AND SHETLAND SHAWLS.
CLOAKS,
In every style, on hand and made to order.
CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES.
LACE CURTAINS,
at half cost of importation.
STRANG & ADRIANCE,
NO. 355 BROADWAY.

OPENING OF
SPRING AND SUMMER CLOAKS,
AT
LAKE & McCREERY'S,
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10. A large assortment of SPRING AND SUMMER CLOAKS,
OF THE
NEWEST AND MOST ELEGANT STYLES.
The stock comprises all the
NOVELTIES IN PARIS CLOAKS,
as well as a large assortment of our own manufacture.
NO. 471 BROADWAY.

GREAT RUSH AND GREAT BARGAINS!
FRESH GOODS AND NEW STYLES!
QUICK SALES AND SMALL PROFITS,
at ADOLF KUSTER'S, No. 225 8th-av.
FRESH ADDITIONS TO OUR STOCK
OF
CHEAP DRESS GOODS, SILKS,
LINEN GOODS, COTTON GOODS,
CLOAKS AND SHAWLS,
bought last week at auction, and offered at a small advance, 10 per cent. cheaper than in any other retail store in the City.
Be sure and call this week at
ADOLF KUSTER'S, No. 225 8th-av.

JAMES A. HEARN & SON
WILL OPEN ON MONDAY,
LUPIN'S FABRICS,
Suitable for Mourning,
purchased at the auction sale last week.
ALSO,
ONE HUNDRED PIECES
BLACK ALPACA,
yard and a half wide, at $1, worth $1 50.
No. 775 BROADWAY, above 9th-st.

JAMES A. HEARN & SON
HAVE NOW OPEN
AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF
SHAWLS.

JAMES A. HEARN & SON
WILL OPEN ON MONDAY,
An elegant assortment of
FANCY SILKS,
AT ONE DOLLAR A YARD.

BLACK AND WHITE STRIPED SILKS,
$1 25.
Fine Lyons quality, cost $1 90 to import.

PLAIN COLORED SILKS,
In all shades, and of the finest Lyons quality, at a reduction of THIRTY PER CENT. from regular prices.

FOULARDS,
In new Chintz Patterns of the
LATEST STYLES.

BLACK SILKS,
FOR MAKING UP INTO DRESSES,
In all qualities and widths, purchased at auction much under the cost of importation.

CLOAK AND MANTILLA DEPOT.

Having made our semi-annual opening of NOVELTIES in this department, we are prepared to show the most elegant variety of SILK and CLOTH GARMENTS we have ever offered; also, REAL BRUSSELS THREAD and LLAMA LACE SHAWLS of our own importation, which cannot be surpassed for variety, quality or price.

LADIES' UNDERLINEN AND INFANTS' DRESSES.

On account of the great competition in these articles we shall, for the next two months, offer our entire stock at a reduction of TEN PER CENT. from regular prices.
ORDERS TAKEN AT THE SAME REDUCTION.

NO. 775 BROADWAY, above 9th-st.

BEST BODY BRUSSELS CARPETS,
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN,
AT
TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER YARD.
ALSO,
ENGLISH TAPESTRY BRUSSELS
AT
ONE DOLLAR AND A HALF PER YARD,
AND
AXMINSTER, MOQUETTE,
WILTON AND VELVET CARPETS,
in new patterns and colors.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

PARIS-MADE MANTILLAS,
EMBROIDERED POPLIN ROBES,
AND A
VERY LARGE VARIETY
OF
ELEGANT SPRING DRESS GOODS,
AT POPULAR PRICES.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

REAL INDIA SHAWLS,
LONG AND SQUARE,
AT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS,
FORMER VALUE, $300.
NEW STYLES OF SHAWLS
FOR SPRING.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

FAMILY LINENS,
CURTAIN MATERIALS,
MATTRESSES, &c.,
made up to order,
on short notice, by
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

PARIS SILK ROBES,
ELEGANTLY EMBROIDERED,
IN
DESIGNS NEVER BEFORE EXHIBITED
IN THIS MARKET,
just received by
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

GREAT REDUCTION in the price of MOURNING GOODS. We have just received from auction a splendid stock of SPRING and SUMMER GOODS, some SPECIAL BARGAINS.
N. B.—100 pieces FINEST ENGLISH MOURNING PRINTS, reduced to 1s. 6d. per yard. COLORADO EMPRESS and CRAPE CLOTHS, $4, $5 and $10 per dress, handsome, good and very serviceable. Also, a LARGE ASSORTMENT of SHAWLS and BONNETS, choice styles.
W. JACKSON, No. 581 Broadway,
Between Spring and Prince sts.

BLACK ALPACAS.
GREAT BARGAINS.
We offer a very superior make, full finish at 56c., 62½c., 75c., 87½c., $1. Ladies requiring such goods should look at our stock before purchasing elsewhere. (N. B.) One dress of MOHAIRIQUES and one of choice QUEEN'S CLOTH at $5 per dress—one half price.
W. JACKSON, Importer, No. 581 Broadway,
Between Spring and Prince sts.

COOPER INSTITUTE CARPET STORE.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.
ENGLISH TAPESTRY BRUSSELS at $1 50.
THREE-PLY AND INGRAIN CARPETS,
OIL CLOTHS, MATTINGS, &c., EQUALLY LOW,
At J. HYATT'S, Nos. 3 and 15 Cooper Institute.

M. A. DE LENEY,
NO. 42 UNION PLACE,
Corner 17th-st. and 4th-av
Has a large and splendid assortment of Paris Cloaks, Dress Goods, &c., adapted to Spring and Summer use.

CARPETINGS.—GEORGE KEYES, NO. 343 8TH-av., will exhibit on MONDAY new Spring Tapestry, Brussels, 3-Ply and Ingrain Carpetings; Oilcloths, Rugs, Mats, Matting, Table and Piano Covers, Window Shades, (new designs,) Lace Curtains, &c., at popular prices.

LACE SHAWLS.—I HAVE OPENED AN Assortment of black thread lace shawls, in best qualities only, among which are some of extra size.
H. RUSSELL, 393 Wooster-st., third door from Amity.

DRY GOODS.

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED FROM Monday, 9th,
AT HARRINGTON & STONE'S,
NO. 241 BROADWAY, OPPOSITE ASTOR-PLACE.
ALL KINDS UPHOLSTERY GOODS,
WINDOW SHADES, (Pat. Fixtures,) $2 50.

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED FROM Monday, 9th,
AT HARRINGTON & STONE'S.
No. 241 Broadway, opposite Astor-place.
Pique Marseilles, 62½ cents, sold for $1.
Quilts, $2, sold for $2 75.
11-4 Muslins, $1 50, sold for $2.

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED FROM Monday, 9th,
AT HARRINGTON & STONE'S.
No. 241 Broadway, opposite Astor-place.
RICHARDSON'S FAMILY LINENS.
Napkins, $2 37½, sold for $2 75.
4-4 Linen, 50 cents, sold for 65 cents.
TABLE DAMASK, DOYLIES, TIDIES,
SLIP COVERS, CORNICES, &c., &c.

LADIES
WE SHALL OPEN ON
MONDAY, APRIL 9,
SEVERAL LARGE LOTS OF AUCTION GOODS
BOUGHT THE LATTER PART OF LAST WEEK,
AMONG WHICH ARE SOME OF THE GREATEST
BARGAINS EVER OFFERED AT RETAIL.
AUCTION LOT OF LENO PLAIDS AT 37½c.,
WORTH A SHORT TIME SINCE 62c.
AUCTION LOT OF ESPANIOLA PLAIDS AT 37½c.,
WORTH A SHORT TIME SINCE 62c.
AUCTION LOT OF CHENE POPLINS AT 37½c.,
WORTH A SHORT TIME SINCE 62½c.
AUCTION LOTS OF FINE ALPACAS 31c., 37½c., 50c., 62½c., 75c., WORTH 40c., 50c., 62½c., 75c.
AUCTION LOT OF BLACK AND WHITE PLAIDS, 37½c.,
WORTH A SHORT TIME SINCE 55c.
THESE DRESS GOODS ARE THE CHEAPEST
WE HAVE YET OFFERED.
MUSLINS! MUSLINS!! MUSLINS!!!
THEY HAVE COMMENCED TO ADVANCE.
NO ADVANCE IN OUR PRICES FOR THE PRESENT
OUR HEAVIEST YARD-WIDE BROWN MUSLIN 25c.
OUR FINEST YARD-WIDE BROWN MUSLIN 25c.
A VERY GOOD QUALITY BROWN MUSLIN 18c.
EXTRA HEAVY WHITE MUSLIN 25c., WORTH 31c.
VERY FINE YARD-WIDE WHITE MUSLIN 28c.
DO NOT FAIL TO PRICE OUR MUSLINS.
PRINTS! PRINTS!! PRINTS!!!
NO ADVANCE IN OUR PRICES.
GREAT BARGAINS OFFERED.
200 NEW STYLES AND COLORS.
GENUINE MERRIMACKS 22c.
ALL OTHER BEST MAKES EQUALLY CHEAP.
A CHEAP LOT OF TABLE LINENS.
A CHEAP LOT OF TABLE NAPKINS.
A CHEAP LOT OF LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.
A CHEAP LOT OF GENTS' HANDKERCHIEFS.
A FINE ASSORTMENT OF CASSIMERES.
PARASOLS AND SUN-UMBRELLAS CHEAP.
FOSTER & WELSH, 227 6TH-AV., NEAR 22D-ST.

MANTILLA OPENING.
M. GREGG,
No. 19 5th-av.,
HAS OPENED
An elegant assortment of FRENCH MANTLES for SPRING and SUMMER wear, of latest importations and most distingue shapes.

INFANTS EMBROIDERED ROBES.
BOYS AND GIRLS SUITS
IN
MARSEILLES, POPLIN AND MERINO.
LADIES' CLOTH LACE TRIMMED,
ROBES, CASSIMERES,
DRAWERS, SKIRTS, &c.
THE LATEST PARIS NOVELTIES.
Also, similar garments made to order.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

GREAT BARGAINS IN SHIRTING MUSLIN,
At LAMBERT'S, 239 Greenwich-st.
Very heavy, 7-8 wide, only 25c.
Very heavy full-yard wide, only 25c.
Very fine 7-8 wide, for 30c.
Very extra 4-4 wide, equally fine as Wamsutta, for 35c.

FEATHER TRIMMINGS AND
FEATHER ORNAMENTS,
for dresses, mantillas and hats,
HENRY Y. PINCHON, Importer,
No. 61 Bleecker-st.

GOING AT FOUR DOLLARS.
1,000 REAL SHETLAND SHAWLS, largest and finest make from auction, very choice as to style, selling at only $4.
800 SILK AND WOOL MIXED SHAWLS, from $2 to $5 each, at
VALENTINE & CO., No. 12 4th-av.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS AND Additions in the line of DRY GOODS the week, at
VALENTINE & CO., No. 12 4th-av.

REAL CLUNY VALENCIENNES AND GUIPURE LACES.
Cheap at
VALENTINE & CO., No. 12 4th-av.

600 6-4 ALL WOOL TABLE COVERS, at $1 50 each.
1 bale SHIRTING LINEN, remnants cheap at
VALENTINE & CO., No. 12 4th-av.

LADIES AND MISSES' WHITE LISLE THREAD GLOVES.
New lot fine PARASOLS, EMBROIDERIES, &c., cheap at
VALENTINE & CO., No. 12 4th-av.

NEW LOT OF THOSE FINE
36 yard pieces half inch Alpaca braid at $1, at
VALENTINE & CO., No. 12 4th-av.

A FEW MORE FEATHER DUSTERS at 25 cents each.
Fine soft feathers, fresh made, no moth, at
TOWNSEND'S, No. 823 Broadway.

GEORGE KEYES', NO. 343 8TH-AV., will open on MONDAY, new black and plain colored silks, (best quality,) new dress goods, new alpacas, new shawls, new cloaks, new prints, new gingham, &c., all suitable for Spring. Also several cases of bleached and unbleached shirting and sheeting muslins, all at low prices

FOR SALE.

WOODLAWN FARM FOR SALE.

Situated in the township of Eastchester, Westchester County, adjoining Pelham Manor Station, on the Harlem Railroad, 17 miles from the City Hall, New-York, and Central Avenue, Mount Vernon, 1 mile from Mount Vernon Station, on the Harlem Railroad, 16 miles from the City Hall, New-York, and 1 mile from Pelham Manor Station, on the Harlem Railroad, 17 miles from the City Hall, New-York. The farm contains 70 acres of land, with a dwelling-house, barn, and other outbuildings, in good order. Also, a tenant-house, containing 6 rooms, and a stable, with 2 acres of land. Also, a dwelling-house, containing 8 rooms, and a stable, with 2 acres of land. Also, a dwelling-house, containing 6

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Drills, Receptions and Courts Martial—Recent Appointments—Elections—A New Regiment Mustered—Miscellaneous News.

The following *résumé* of National Guard movements and gossip is presented for the information of those interested in our State militia:

DRILLS DURING THE WEEK.

The left wing of the Seventh Regiment, consisting of Companies A, B, F, E and I, assembled on Saturday evening, the 31st ult., at their regimental armory, for battalion drill. As with the right wing on the previous evening, the command was formed in ten acting companies, of fourteen files front each, being an excess of twenty files over that parading with the right. The command was at first exercised by Lieut.-Col. HAWS, assisted by Lieut. MCBAIRD, of the Ninth Company, who acted as Adjutant. The battalion was carried through the customary routine of the manual of arms. The execution of the several movements was fully as good as that exhibited by the other wing, the commands "unfix bayonets" and "fix bayonets" being noticeable for their promptness. The strict observance of the several motions in the manual was creditable, even in so good a regiment as the Seventh. The battalion was afterward marched by the flank and by company front, both movements being admirably executed. The wheelings in the latter formation were very fine, the left guides taking more room while marching forward than was observed by those in the right wing, and the alignments were much better than those of the right wing in the same formation. After the pause and rest for distribution of "ammunition," Col. CLARK assumed command and exercised the battalion in the loadings and firings. These were by company, wing, battalion, rank and file. Each movement was a success, if we except the first attempt of the right wing, when a few excited triggers began a sputtering fire before the word of command was given by the commanding officer. The firing by company was also better than that of the right wing, and like it, the firing by battalion was superb. With these two solitary exceptions the drill of the left wing was in no respect ahead of the manœuvres of the right, which is the highest praise we can accord. After the firings, the battalion was again put in motion, forming in close column by divisions and forming square, being moved while in that formation by the first and fourth fronts. The drill was then dismissed. We noticed on both evenings that the usual guard at the main entrance of the armory had been dispensed with, and we were much pleased thereat, because, the drills being open to the public, there was no necessity for any sentries.

The officers of the Fourth Brigade assembled at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, in Fourteenth-street, for their second skeleton brigade drill, Gen. LLOYD ASPINWALL was in command. The attendance was very fair. Four nominal battalions were formed, the first consisting of the officers of the Fourth and Seventy-ninth Regiments, Col. H. D. HULL commanding; the second was composed of the officers of the Eleventh Regiment (Rifles) under command of Col. CHARLES MAURICE; the third, comprising the officers of the Twenty-second and Ninety-fifth Regiments, Colonel J. F. COX in command; and the fourth consisted of the officers of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, under the command of Col. MCMAHON. The regular routine of a brigade drill was observed, with much success. Gen. ASPINWALL is showing a good example to the other brigades forming the First Division, and he is fortunate in having so good a drill-room.

The Fifty-second Regiment (Brooklyn) held a battalion drill on Tuesday evening, the 3d inst., at the State Arsenal in Portland-avenue, when the command made a goodly show of numbers, but owing to the scarcity of room each company was limited to six files each. The different movements were but fairly performed, however, and the regiment requires severe drilling before it can attain the first rank. Discipline in company drills also needs to be more strictly enforced. Before the battalion was dismissed, Col. M. M. COLE was presented with a handsome gold medal by Surgeon JONES, on behalf of the command, who have their colonel in high esteem. When the regiment was dismissed for the evening, the floor was cleared for dancing. Several of the leading military gentlemen in the Second Division were present.

DRILLS TO COME OFF.

There will be a battalion drill of the Fourth Regiment (Veteran Zouaves) to-morrow evening, the 9th inst., at the State Arsenal, corner of Seventh-avenue and Thirty-fifth-street. Line will be formed at 8:30 o'clock precisely. We hope to see a large attendance of the members of the regiment present. Col. H. D. HULL will be in command.

The Thirteenth Regiment (Brooklyn) will hold wing drills at the State Arsenal in that city as follows: Right wing, Companies D, G, E, H and F, on Tuesday evening, April 10. Left wing, Companies K, B, C, I and A, on Tuesday evening, April 17. The line will be formed at 8:30 o'clock, precisely, at both drills. Arms to be furnished by the armorer at the Arsenal. A full attendance is expected, as these are to be the closing drills of the Thirteenth for the present season.

An order has been issued by Col. THOMAS M. REID, of the Second Regiment, for a drill of the command. The members are ordered to assemble in full uniform, at the State Arsenal, corner of Thirty-fifth-street and Seventh-avenue, on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst. The drill is intended for instruction merely. As usual with our New-York regiments, the Second will rely upon Gen. PALMER for the necessary arms.

There will be a parade of the Fifth Regiment on the evening of the 23d inst., orders having been issued to that effect by Col. BURGER. Line will be formed at 8 o'clock, at the City Arsenal, corner of White and Elm streets.

The civic association of members and ex-members of Company C, Seventy-first Regiment, held their regular monthly meeting in Friday night last, at their armory, corner of University-place and Thirteenth-street. The attendance was large, and there was a great deal of enthusiasm manifested by those present. Resolutions were adopted the effect that a series of public exhibition drills be given by the company the first to take place next Friday night, for which tickets will be issued. They also recommend that the other companies in the regiment adopt a similar course of action, for the purpose of infusing new life into the regiment, thereby bring it up to its old standard of excellence, attained by the command before the breaking out of the rebellion.

SURPRISE PARTIES AND RECEPTIONS.

Company C, of the Eighth Regiment, gave their second annual reception at their Regimental Armory, corner Columbus Avenue and Thirty-first-street, last Thursday evening last. The affair was a complete success. The rooms were tastefully decorated with a profusion of flags representing all nations, which were, we understand, kindly loaned the committee by several of our principal theatres. The attendance was very large, there being a perfect crush of beauty and fashion toward midnight. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, and the happy feet of the dancers beat harmonious time to the superb music (furnished by Robertson's Band) until early dawn. So great was the crush of visitors that the Supper Committee was compelled to issue nearly one thousand tickets, and the supper tables were loaded down with a choice assortment of delicacies. Among the invited guests present were Col. J. M. Varian, Major Carr, Adjt. Durree, Quartermaster Arnold, Capts. Varian, Jr., Clarke, Scott, Lieuts. Hermance, Mosder, Pemberthy, Moore, Baylis, McIntyre, Kraemer, Fox, Blumer, Dunn, Phillips, Coats, and Ex-Lieut. Palmer of the Eighth; Major Kenny and Dr. Shaw of the Sixth Regiment.

Company B, of the Thirty-seventh Regiment, gave a very pleasant reception to their friends and comrades in arms, at their armory corner of Thirty-sixth-street and Broadway, on the evening of the 30th ult. The room was neatly decorated with bunting and regimental banners. Dancing commenced at an early hour and continued into the small hours of the succeeding day, the music being furnished by the regimental band. The affair was very successful. Col. FARRAR and other prominent officers of the Thirty-seventh were present during the progress of festivities.

While the members of Company E, Seventy-first Regiment, were busy drilling at their armory on the evening of Thursday, the 29th ult., they were surprised by a numerous crowd of jolly mechanics, who soon forced "Company E" to surrender with considerable discretion. Muskets were speedily restored to their respective racks and the room cleared for dancing, which was kept up until a late hour. The *incognita* of the masqueraders was well preserved during the entire evening, and many laughable scenes were the result. It is pleasant to record such incidents in the otherwise hum-drum life of a National Guardsman.

The drum corps of the Fifth Regiment gave their sixth exhibition drill and ball, at the regimental armory, in Hester-street, near the Bowery. Several unique and striking designs were observable among the decorations. Owing to the praiseworthy efforts of the several Committees, a delightful evening was passed by those receiving invitations. The programme for the drill consisted of sixteen original marches, to which were added the signals for drum and bugle. The execution of the several items was all that could be desired. Col. BURGER and the field officers of the regiment were present.

CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL GUARD.

The following officers have been commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief in the National Guard, State of New-York, during the week ending April 7, 1866:

Second Regiment of Infantry—Joseph G. Shaw, Surgeon, April 4, 1866, original vacancy.

Third Regiment of Infantry—Augustine O'Neil, First Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, *vice* G. W. Hamilton, declined. Lewis Masters, Second Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, *vice* O'Neil, promoted. G. H. Moeser, Captain, April 3, 1866, original vacancy. Frank Osterman, First Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, original vacancy. Louis Schlamp, Second Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, original vacancy.

Fourth Regiment of Infantry—W. F. Moller, First Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, *vice* Slingerland, declined.

Sixth Regiment of Infantry—Philip Meyer, Captain, April 4, 1866, *vice* J. Kayser, resigned.

Sixteenth Regiment of Infantry—Joseph Irwine, First Lieutenant, April 4, 1866, *vice* W. H. Thorn, deceased. Platt Conklin, Second Lieutenant, April 4, 1866, vacancy.

Seventeenth Regiment of Infantry—Edmund Y. Morris, Captain, April 3, 1866, *vice* J. W. Paddon, resigned.

Nineteenth Regiment of Infantry—Dubois B. Rumsey, Captain, April 3, 1866, original vacancy. Ezra T. Jackson, First Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, original vacancy. Wm. W. Hawley, Second Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, original vacancy.

Twenty-first Regiment of Infantry.—George S. Dennis, Major, April 3, 1866, *vice* C. H. Fitchit, removed from district.

Twenty-second Regiment of Infantry.—D. B. Gilbert, Captain, April 2, 1866, *vice* Townsend, promoted. John H. Palmer, Captain, April 2, 1866, *vice* McGrath, resigned. Thomas Tate, First Lieutenant, April 2, 1866, *vice* Palmer, promoted. Chas. D. Topping, Second Lieutenant, April 2, 1866, *vice* Tate, promoted.

Twenty-eighth Regiment of Infantry.—Henry Gerner, Engineer, April 3, 1866, original vacancy. Jacob Schutz, Second Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, *vice* A. Enders, resigned. Charles E. Rose, Second Lieutenant, Feb. 3, 1866, *vice* L. Kemmler, resigned.

Thirty-second Regiment of Infantry.—Thomas Bowley, First Lieutenant, April 4, 1866, *vice* D. G. Rose, removed from district. Henry Cadick, Second Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, *vice* S. Rowley, promoted.

One Hundred and Ninth Regiment of Infantry.—Milton Manrow, First Lieutenant, April 3, 1866, *vice* H. C. Plumb, removed from district. John G. Ames, Second Lieutenant, April 2, 1866, *vice* M. Manrow, promoted.

First Battalion Artillery, Fifth Brigade.—William J. Tate, Captain, April 2, 1866, *vice* S. A. Avile, resigned. John T. Roberts, Adjutant, April 2, 1866, *vice* W. J. Tate, promoted.

ELECTIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

An election was held on Monday evening, the 26th inst., in Company H, of the Eighth Regiment, when the following non-commissioned officers were elected: Private EDWARD DENBY, Fourth Sergeant, *vice* BERNARD BYRNES, resigned; Private THOMAS W. MCLEAN, Fifth Sergeant, *vice* LEWIS SNYDER, reduced; Private CORNELIUS DEMAREST, Third Corporal, *vice* JAMES H. ROGERS, reduced; JOHN H. SILLECK, Fourth Corporal, to fill vacancy.

In the Second Regiment the following appointments have been made on the non-commissioned staff: WM. FAUCETT, Color Bearer; MICHAEL BLAKE, Ordnance Sergeant; PATRICK LENOY, Right General Guide.

By recent orders issued from the headquarters of the Second Regiment, we notice that JOSEPH G. SHAW, M. D., is announced as Surgeon, and J. A. GILLESPIE as Assistant Surgeon on the regimental staff.

Capt. A. W. UNDERHILL having resigned the command of Co. B, Seventy-first Regiment, an election has been held to fill the vacancy. Brevet Col. A. H. EMBLER, formerly an aide on Maj. Gen. JOHN GIBBONS' staff, was unanimously elected Captain. Mr. EMBLER is an old member of the Seventy-first, having marched with the regiment in 1861, and was wounded in the first battle of Bull Run.

At a meeting held recently at the Armory of Company B, Fourth Regiment Veteran Zouaves, N. Y. S. N. G., Second Lieut. R. LLOYD ROBERTS, was elected First Lieutenant, *vice* JOHNSTON resigned. Lieut. ROBERTS was formerly a member in the Ninth Company, Seventh Regiment N. Y. N. G.

At an election recently held in Company C, Twenty-second Regiment, the following commissioned officers were elected to fill vacancies: First Lieut. John H. Palmer to be Captain, *vice* W. J. A. McGrath, resigned; Second Lieut. Thos. Tate, Jr., to be First Lieutenant, *vice* Palmer, promoted; Sergeant Chas. D. Topping to be Second Lieutenant, *vice* Tate, promoted.

NEW COLORS ORDERED.

Last week the Board of Aldermen directed the Committee on National Affairs, on behalf of the City of New-York, to procure for and present to the Fifty-fifth Regiment, New-York State National Guard, a stand of regimental colors, and the sum of $800 was appropriated therefor.

By a resolution in the Board of Aldermen, at their last meeting, the Committee on National Affairs of the Board of Councilmen and the Committee on Arts and Sciences of the Board of Aldermen, jointly, were directed to procure for the Fifty-ninth Regiment Infantry, the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Regiment Infantry, the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Regiment Infantry, and the Eighteenth Regiment Cavalry, New-York State Volunteers, they being the remnants of all the regiments organized in and belonging to the City of New-York, and now in the service of the Army of the Union as veteran regiments in the Southern States, each a stand of colors, to replace the colors that have been worn out by the gallant service of those gallant regiments, at a cost of $400 for each regiment, and the sum of $1,600 was appropriated for the purchase of the same.

HAWKINS ZOUAVES MUSTERED INTO SERVICE.

On Wednesday evening last, the 4th inst., the First Regiment, better known by the general public as "Hawkins' Zouaves," were formally mustered into the military service of the State of New-York, at the State arsenal in 7th-av., and they now form a component part of the National Guard. So little was known of this regiment prior to its appearance on Wednesday evening, that the occasion of mustering was witnessed by a large gathering of the friends of the command, among whom we noticed several prominent officers of the First Division. Nearly two hundred and fifty men appeared under arms, nearly all being in full uniform. The command consists of ten companies. We were not surprised at the soldiery appearance of the men present at the muster, as we were well aware of the care exercised in the selection of the members composing the several companies, and it was pleasant to find that our expectations were fully verified. Col. RUSH HAWKINS, who was in command, will be favorably remembered for his meritorious services during the first two years of the war, and his appearance in the ranks of the National Guard, at the head of so good a regiment as the First, is a matter of congratulation to those having the welfare of our militia at least. As soon as the line formed, Col. CHARLES W. DARLING, Assistant Paymaster-General, inspected the command, passing down the line in company with Col. HAWKINS and Lieut.-Col. JOHN H. PERLEY. The command was afterward wheeled in column by companies, when the respective rolls were called, and each company sworn in. The uniform of the regiment is a very serviceable one, being made of dark blue army cloth, and of a pattern similar to that worn by the old Ninth New-York Volunteers while in the field, and is of quite handsome appearance. We understand that steps are about being taken to secure accommodations for the regiment in the Masonic Hall in Thirteenth-street, near Fourth-avenue.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Officers who have been and still are in the service very naturally desire to be able to keep up the associations and friendships formed during the war. Several organizations have been effected of the soldiers and sailors who served during the rebellion, but as these have become chiefly political machines, officers who are now in the service are compelled to keep aloof from them. The Military Order of the Loyal Legion, on the contrary, while it requires in its companions a firm belief and trust in the Supreme Being and true allegiance to the United States of America, based on a paramount respect for, and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws, forbids the discussion of sectarian or partizan topics within the precincts of any of its commanderies under the penalty of a heavy fine. A meeting of Commandery No. 1, State of New-York, M. O. L. L. U. S., Acting Grand Commandery of the State, was held on the evening of the 4th inst., at the Bancroft House, corner of Broadway and Twentieth-street. Among the companions elect who appeared and qualified, was Vice-Admiral D. G. FARRAGUT, U. S. N. In the course of a few remarks, which the Admiral made during the evening, he said that while he desired to have nothing whatever to do with politics, he was at the same time desirous of doing all in his power to promote the interest of any association which had for its object the promotion of fraternal fellowship and sympathy between the officers and ex-officers of the two services. At the close of the meeting the following gentlemen having been reported for election from the Committee on Membership, were, on ballot, duly elected Companions of the Order of the First Class:

Major-Gen. Alfred Pleasonton, U. S. A.; Major-Gen. Wm. Averill, Brig.-Gen. P. H. Jones, Assistant Surgeon H. Hamilton, U. S. A.; Capt. Alexander Bennett, U. S. N.; Commander Stephen D. Trenchard, U. S. N.; Commander Alex. C. Rhind, U. S. N.; Lieut.-Com. Henry Erben, U. S. N.; Lieut.-Com. Charles S. Norton, U. S. N.; Paymaster John C. Bradford, U. S. N.; Paymaster Garrett B. Barry, Lieut.-Com. David B. Harmony, U. S. N.; Lieut.-Col. G. W. Paton, U. S. A.; Brevet Lieut.-Col. Johnston L. De Peyster, late U. S. V.; Major Alfred Wagstaff, late U. S. V.; Capt. Nehemiah Merritt, late U. S. V. Brig.-Gen. Lloyd Aspinwall, N. G. S. N. Y.; Lieut. H. W. Hubbell, late U. S. V.; Lieut.-Col. C. R. Carleton, late U. S. V.; Major H. G. Lockwood, late U. S. V. The next meeting of the Order will take place in May, when the annual election for officers for the ensuing year will be held. The ribbon and badge of the Order can be obtained of the Treasurer, Capt. W. G. CHURCH, office of the *Army & Navy Journal*, No. 99 Park-row, or the Correspondent, Lieut.-Col. J. A. SLIPPER, Box No. 3,801 New-York Post-office.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Methodist East Annual Conference.

The New-York Methodist Episcopal East Annual Conference has been in session in the Washington-street M. E. Church, Brooklyn, since Tuesday.

The following Deacons were examined with a view to their admission to-day: William H. Adams, Chas Backman, Edwin Warrener, Charles H. Buck, George L. Thompson, Christopher B. Williams, Horace Cook.

The Rev. Dr. WHEADON, editor of the *Quarterly Review*, presented resolutions appointing this (the 8th inst.) as a season of special prayer for the unity of the M. E. Church, North and South, the resolutions to be telegraphed to the Secretary of the General Conference of the M. E. Church South, at New-Orleans, so as to have a uniform day of prayer for the same object in both sections at the same time. Dr. WHEADON said he did not think the time had come for the union of the two branches yet, but this was the proper method to bring it about.

A brisk debate ensued, in the course of which several members took the ground that as they of the southern branch of the Church had entertained notions at variance with the spirit of Christ, it would be impolitic to adopt such resolutions at this time. The resolutions were adopted by 80 yeas to 8 nays. The proceedings on the subject were then telegraphed to New-Orleans.

In relation to the sermons of candidates for examination, Rev. S. H. PLATT offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the clause in our discipline requiring candidates for examination upon the course of study to present a written sermon or essay be understood to mean that such sermon or essay shall be judged as being one of the best efforts of the man, and to be criticised in arrangement, orthography, punctuation, rhetoric, logic and theology.

Rev. BENJ. PILLSBURY presented an exceedingly interesting and encouraging report on the condition of Methodism in Brooklyn and South Long Island.

Bishop SCOTT read the following paper:

To the New York East Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—You ask me to define the duties and responsibilities of the Conference Centenary Committee, provided for by the General Conference. I assume that the request refers to the Conference Committee provided for by Resolution 7 of the General Conference order.

On attentively considering the resolution, I do not see how, without going into details, I can more plainly define those duties and responsibilities than they are already defined in the resolution itself. They seem to respect a fund already raised, and are confined to the single business of giving directions as to its contribution to the two causes of education and church extension within the conference territory.

The Printing Committee was authorized to print 1,000 copies of the minutes of the Conference, at a cost of $125.

Rev. DR. CUYLER, of the Lafayette-avenue Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. FOSS, of New-York, appeared as delegates from the National Total Abstinence Society and Prohibitory League, and addressed the Conference of which Bishop SIMPSON and others they represented.

A purse of $800 was made up for presentation to Rev. Mr. ——, a worthy clergyman of the New-Haven District, whose sufferings from poverty and mental anxiety have been very great. A Committee of Four was also appointed to add the sum of $400, by subscription, to this amount.

The Committee on Temperance reported a series of resolutions indorsing the National Temperance Society, and pledging the members of Conference to preach on the subject of total abstinence.

It was decided to hold the next Conference at the Hansom-place M. E. Church.

The question of ordaining the candidates to the office of Deacon was discussed, and the Conference resolved in favor of ordination.

The Conference will resume its sessions to-morrow (Monday) morning.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF HEALTH.

President Schultz and the Street Commission—Scathing Rebuke of the Contractors—Mr. Knapp Appears With Counsel before the Board—New Proceedings to be Taken Against Washington Market—Brooklyn to be Cleaned—Dash at the New-York Hospital.

The Board of Health met on Friday, President SCHULTZ in the chair, and all the members present. After routine business, Secretary CLARK read

PRESIDENT SCHULTZ'S REPORT.

On Wednesday morning I met His Honor the Mayor, Judge HACKETT and Comptroller BRENNAN, the Corporation Counsel, O'GORMAN, being absent. The question of paying the street contractors came up under circumstances and with the result hereinafter set forth:

On behalf of the Board of Health, I presented the report from the various police precincts, showing that a very large number of streets had not been cleaned during the week previous, as required by the contract; also the report, from the same source, for the preceding week, showing like delinquency. In addition, I presented a large number of streets in the only section of the City which I had personally inspected, which had not been cleaned for months. The reports of some of the police precincts were criticised, and counter reports were presented from the street contractors. Many of the inaccuracies seemed to result from the fact that the police report by precincts, while the contractors report by Wards. It is confidently believed that a plan of report and verification has now been suggested that will prevent in the future, all misapprehension. It is as follows: The foreman of the sweepers of each Ward is to report daily at the station-houses; a Sergeant or other proper person is to be detailed to inspect at once such work as may have been done during the twenty-four preceding hours, and make returns to headquarters. These returns are to be carefully preserved and properly credited, so that at the end of the week, if any street or part of a street shall have escaped the notice of the sweepers this general account will remind them of the omission.

From the evidence laid before the Commission it was made perfectly clear that the contract had not been complied with, and that the majority of the commission came to the conclusion to audit and pay the bills of the contractors up to the first of the month, notwithstanding their deficiencies. And in justice to those gentlemen I feel bound to state briefly some of the reasons which seemed to control their action.

They considered that the Winter and Spring just closed had been unfavorable for a proper cleansing of the streets; that the contractors have worked diligently since the frost and snow left our streets, to clean and remove the accumulations from the same, and that on the whole the City is in an unusually clean condition; that, failing to vote the payment, the contractors might be embarrassed and compelled to stop altogether; that this event would necessitate the re-letting of the contract and the reletting of the same, and that their power to do this might be in some doubt. And to save litigation and give the contractors another opportunity to comply more literally with their obligations, the majority voted to give the necessary certificate. To this action I could not give my assent, and consequently I voted in the negative.

The report of some of the streets reported that they all be swept and cleaned at least once in each week, while certain other streets are to be swept daily, and still others two or three times a week, unless the contractors are prevented by "frost or snow." Now, as I think it quite apparent that neither has impeded this work for the past week or two, I consider it mere waste of time for them to go to work in the City there was frost, and that therefore "we decline to clean the City, or are excused from doing so" for a whole week; for it is within my own observation that while certain streets may have been in a condition unfavorable for cleaning by reason of the frost for a single day, yet in certain other streets the mud and dirt were in an unfeasible condition for removal; and in my judgment there had been no day within the past two weeks when the frost was so severe that all the carts and force at present in the employ of the contractors could not have been employed to advantage in removing the accumulations of dirt. Thus thinking, I find no difficulty in declaring that these contractors have no excuse for not having cleaned, at least once, the streets of the entire City during the past month. This they have not done; and hence they have no just claim for compensation under the contract.

Beside, there are other respects in which they do not fulfill their contract. They do not take up and carry away the "rubbish," such as tin-pans, old stove-pipe, cast off hoop-skirts, old boots and shoes, &c., &c. Their attention has been called to this subject, and while they promise well they perform poorly. They do not carry off the ashes as the spirit and letter of their contract requires—not to speak now of their omission altogether, in certain streets, or their very frequent omission, to call attention to their presence by ringing a bell, as required by their contract. The law requires the ashes and house garbage to be placed in barrels, boxes, pails, &c., and placed on the walk, and when the same is thrown into the street the police are required to interfere. But these contractors frequently dump the contents of barrels and boxes first into the street, and then shovel the same into their carts, greatly to the annoyance of pedestrians, after having scattered such portions as they cannot readily gather up with shovels. This could be avoided by furnishing sufficient help to raise and dump into the cart the whole contents of the vessel. The bad example thus set by those who should comply with the regulations is certainly most pernicious.

If any pretence to a literal compliance should be set up, then all streets below Chambers-street, except around the markets and where the market-wagons could, are to be swept at night only, but in this, as in many other minor particulars, I should be quite willing to have them omit the non-essentials for that grand result declared by the contract to be the main object, namely: to secure clean streets in this City.

THE STREET-CLEANERS.

The President's report having been ordered on file, Mr. KNAPP, of the street-cleaning firm, appeared with counsel, and the latter was heard on the order for the removal of the manure heaps from the Vesey-street and other piers, and also the order for the removal of the sheds in the Fifth Ward. Counsel said that the municipal authorities had for fifteen years used the Vesey-street and other piers as dumping grounds, and that Messrs. BROWN, DEVOE & KNAPP were entitled to the benefit of these piers for dumping purposes. They therefore ask the Board to suspend its order in respect of manure deposits on the piers until they can ascertain from the Courts what are their rights. Judge BOSWORTH wished to know how long the contractors desired to keep manure and other dirt on the piers, and the contractors' counsel replied, "A reasonable time." Judge BOSWORTH suggested that the Board was to be the sole judge of what was a reasonable time. Replying to a question by Commissioner ACTON, Mr. KNAPP said that at certain seasons of the year the contractors cannot supply the demand for manure at their wharves, but at other seasons there is no demand, and therefore the contractors desire to retain their dumping places. Dr. SWINBURNE suggested that the contractors could not get all their carts on the piers at one time and that permission was therefore given to dump on the piers, the understanding being that the dirt was to be removed as soon as might be practicable. Counsel for Messrs. B., D. & K. said that for fifteen years it had been the practice to keep the dirt on the piers a month after the month, until there was a demand for manure. Then, said Dr. STONE, your practice has been without authority of law. President SCHULTZ said that he had offered to remove within twenty days all the manure which now lies on the piers, provided the contractors would permit him to advertise in the New-York Press that such manure can be purchased at a reduction of ten cents a load. The contractors were not anxious to grant him this privilege, as they intend to keep the manure until a time when the farmers shall be willing to pay five cents a load more than the present price. After further discussion the Board instructed the Sanitary Superintendent to make a supplementary examination of the dirt heaps on the dumping grounds, and report to the Board at its next meeting.

THE WASHINGTON MARKET SHANTIES.

Messrs. LAWRENCE and HALL and Comptroller BRENNAN having desired postponement of the further hearing and final argument in the case of the Washington Market shanties, Mr. SETH C. HAWLEY, before whom the argument is to be made, consented to an adjournment this morning at 10 o'clock. The subject coming up before the Board yesterday afternoon, counselor EATON said that the investigation had shown the Health Officers precisely the points which they should establish in moving against the Market-stalls, and he therefore advised the Board to annul all orders that had been made concerning Washington Market and instruct the Sanitary Superintendent to make a new survey of the premises and report at the earliest possible moment, and the Board adopted this suggestion. Thus, so far as Washington Market is concerned, the Board drops all proceedings to this time, and commences anew.

VARIOUS MATTERS.

Commissioner ACTON informed the Board that THOMAS H. FERRIS, acting under authority which was once given him by the Mayor and Common Council, was making the tour of the City wharves, and demanding from $3 to $5 for inspecting vessels; but as these fees are for dumping purposes. They therefore ask the Board to suspend its order in respect of manure deposits on the piers until they can ascertain from the Courts what are their rights. Judge BOSWORTH wished to know how long the contractors desired to keep manure and other dirt on the piers, and the contractors' counsel replied, "A reasonable time." Judge BOSWORTH suggested that the Board was to be the sole judge of what was a reasonable time. Replying to a question by Commissioner ACTON, Mr. KNAPP said that at certain seasons of the year the contractors cannot supply the demand for manure at their wharves, but at other seasons there is no demand, and therefore the contractors desire to retain their dumping places. Dr. SWINBURNE suggested that the contractors could not get all their carts on the piers at one time and that permission was therefore given to dump on the piers, the understanding being that the dirt was to be removed as soon as might be practicable. Counsel for Messrs. B., D. & K. said that for fifteen years it had been the practice to keep the dirt on the piers a month after the month, until there was a demand for manure. Then, said Dr. STONE, your practice has been without authority of law. President SCHULTZ said that he had offered to remove within twenty days all the manure which now lies on the piers, provided the contractors would permit him to advertise in the New-York Press that such manure can be purchased at a reduction of ten cents a load. The contractors were not anxious to grant him this privilege, as they intend to keep the manure until a time when the farmers shall be willing to pay five cents a load more than the present price. After further discussion the Board instructed the Sanitary Superintendent to make a supplementary examination of the dirt heaps on the dumping grounds, and report to the Board at its next meeting.

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Commissioner ACTON informed the Board that THOMAS H. FERRIS, acting under authority which was once given him by the Mayor and Common Council, was making the tour of the City wharves, and demanding from $3 to $5 for inspecting vessels; but as these fees are for dumping purposes. They therefore ask the Board to suspend its order in respect of manure deposits on the piers until they can ascertain from the Courts what are their rights. Judge BOSWORTH wished to know how long the contractors desired to keep manure and other dirt on the piers, and the contractors' counsel replied, "A reasonable time." Judge BOSWORTH suggested that the Board was to be the sole judge of what was a reasonable time. Replying to a question by Commissioner ACTON, Mr. KNAPP said that at certain seasons of the year the contractors cannot supply the demand for manure at their wharves, but at other seasons there is no demand, and therefore the contractors desire to retain their dumping places. Dr. SWINBURNE suggested that the contractors could not get all their carts on the piers at one time and that permission was therefore given to dump on the piers, the understanding being that the dirt was to be removed as soon as might be practicable. Counsel for Messrs. B., D. & K. said that for fifteen years it had been the practice to keep the dirt on the piers a month after the month, until there was a demand for manure. Then, said Dr. STONE, your practice has been without authority of law. President SCHULTZ said that he had offered to remove within twenty days all the manure which now lies on the piers, provided the contractors would permit him to advertise in the New-York Press that such manure can be purchased at a reduction of ten cents a load. The contractors were not anxious to grant him this privilege, as they intend to keep the manure until a time when the farmers shall be willing to pay five cents a load more than the present price. After further discussion the Board instructed the Sanitary Superintendent to make a supplementary examination of the dirt heaps on the dumping grounds, and report to the Board at its next meeting.

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EXCURSION IN THE BAY.

Visit of the Legislative Committee on Quarantine Affairs—Trip to Staten Island and the Hospital Ship in Gowanus Bay.

The Committee appointed by the Legislature to inquire into quarantine matters in our bay, represented by Hon. Messrs. HISCOCK and FERGUSON, arrived yesterday and went on board the Harbor Police-boat, where they were received by the following gentlemen: Dr. JOHN SWINBURNE, Health Officer of the Port; CYRUS CURTIS, Esq., President of the Commissioners of Quarantine; WM. A. COLE, Esq., and Dr. WM. C. ANDERSON, Commissioners of Quarantine; HENRY W. JOHNSON, Esq., Counsel for the Commissioners; Dr. D. H. BISSELL, Deputy Health Officer, Capt. JAMES O'ROURKE, Superintendent of Hospital ship *Falcon*; G. W. BLUNT and FRANCIS C. CANTINE, Esqs., and JOHN J. BERGEN, Esq., Police and Health Commissioner.

At the suggestion of Capt. HARTT, of the Police-boat, the boat steamed around the French war-steamer in the Bay, and thence alongside the Monitor *Miantonomah*, which the party boarded in a peaceable way. The Lieutenant in command politely offered the hospitalities of the ship. As the day was gloomy and the weather threatening, the temptation to visit in detail this modern wonder of modern warfare was not to be indulged in, the gentlemen limiting themselves to a glance at the turrets, and a peep between decks. From the *Miantonomah* the party proceeded to Quarantine Landing, Staten Island, where they were received by other officers of the staff there. Having inspected the inclosed grounds—those ceded to the United States by the State of New-York—a number of the gentlemen regretted the necessity of looking for a more available position for hospital purposes, thinking it probable that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find it. Here the party received the hospitalities of Dr. SWINBURNE, at his residence, including a collation with the accustomable *et ceteras* awaited them. As the trip down the bay was slow and appetizing, everybody did justice to the solids, and just took as much of the *et ceteras* as was good for them, subject to the instructions of the Health Commissioners, of course.

R. had been the intention to go down the lower bay and visit the locality of "Wolf Rock," the proposed site of the projected Quarantine buildings, but as the rain began to fall rather heavily, and as the afternoon had far advanced, it was thought better to steam across the bay direct to the hospital ship *Falcon*, lying in her Winter quarters at Red Hook. Here the Superintendent, Capt. O'ROURKE, conducted the party through the hospital, which is a model of order and cleanliness. This ship, the *Falcon*, is some twenty years old, having been in her present service for seven years. Although, as has been stated, she is as well ordered in every respect as she could be, she is evidently ill-adapted in every respect to meet the demands to which she may, almost any day, be subjected. Barely storm-proof when at anchor in the lower bay, and old and rotten, unseaworthy in her years and rickety, with comfortable accommodations for not more than eighty invalids, it can be readily understood how great the exigency is, with, perhaps, cholera clouds floating over our every offing, to provide, without delay, accommodation, not merely for a handful of people prostrate with shipfever, but for whole ship-loads, if such are hospitably should be called for. Whether this comes in the shape of permanent buildings at a remote quarantine, or in a fleet of hospital-ships, is less a matter of importance than that vessels' comes should come soon.

Having inspected the vessel throughout, Capt. O'ROURKE received the compliments of the entire party for the orderly and cleanly appearance of everything on board, and in acknowledgment of his long service, some thirteen years ago, as superintendent of this department.

Here also a hospitable table groaned, but the appetites were not so keen as no doubt the host desired. There was, however, enough spirit still preserved to toast everybody that deserved it, from "the powers on high places to the robins on the award." After their collation the party inspected with interest the progressing work at the new Erie basins, then returned to New-York, where they landed at 6 P. M.

Fire.

About 7:45 o'clock last night a fire occurred in one of a range of stables in the rear of No. 350 Fifth-street, and the flames soon spread through the entire range, resulting in the destruction of the whole number. The stables were owned by GEORGE T. LAIRD, and were occupied by JOHN GOODSELLS, JACOB BISSOT, and others. Aggregate loss on stables about $1,500. No insurance. The building No. 348 Sixth-street, owned by Mrs. E. LAIRD, was damaged to the extent of about $500 by fire and water. Insured for $3,000 in the Peter Cooper Insurance Company. The premises were occupied as a dwelling by LOUIS SHAWGOOD, whose loss on furniture by fire and water is about $100. Covered by insurance. Several horses were standing in the stables when the fire was first discovered, but they were all got out in safety by Capt. MOONEY, of the Seventeenth Precinct, and a platoon of his force. The fire is supposed to have been of an incendiary origin.

DISCIPLINE OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE.

POLICE TRIALS.

Before Commissioners Acton and Bergen.

THE RAILWAY PICKPOCKETS.

On the evening of the 27th ult., a young man informed Conductor GEORGE B. REILLY, of Third-avenue Car No. 77, that his pocket had been picked by a gang of thieves who crowded the platform when he entered the car. Mr. REILLY advised the victim to ride to the end of the route and return, so that if the pickpockets should again enter the car he could identify them. Three of the gang leaped upon the platform as the car was crossing Ninth-street on its return trip, and their victim point